S REACHED A CRISIS

man Cruisers Take Charge of a Haitian Port.

TIMATUM IS DELIVERED.

Eight Hours Given the South American Black Republic to Make Up Her Mind and Come Down With the Cash.

rt-au-Prince, Haiti, Dec. 7.—The ble between Germany and Haiti, result of the arrest and imprison- t of Herr Lueders, an alleged Ger- subject, has reached a crisis. wo German cruisers entered this and an ultimatum from the Ger- government was delivered to the tian government, giving the latter t hours in which to grant the de- nds of Germany for an indemnity Herr Lueders.

he members of the diplomatic corps e believe the government of the re- lic has decided to accept the condi- s of Germany.

n anticipation of trouble the citi- s of German nationality sought ref- on board two steamers which were this port, and the French steamer le de Marseille has been requisition- by the French minister in order to ve as a place of refuge for French zens.

The population of this place is in a te of great excitement, but the Hai- n government has strong forces of ops at its disposal and is resolved to intain order.

Present indications seem to confirm supposition that the government ll accept the conditions imposed by rmany so far as money indemnity concerned, and it is also probable at, yielding to superior force and in der to avoid internal troubles, the vernment will accept the other con- tions.

The exact nature of Germany's de- ands on Haiti is as yet somewhat in ubt, but it is understood that the rman government asks:

First—An indemnity of $20,000 merican) for Herr Lueders.

Second—The promise that Herr Lue- rs may return to Haiti and there journ without danger of any kind.

Third—A letter to the German gov- rnment in which Haiti will express ology for the proceedings toward the rman government in the whole ansaction.

Fourth—That the president of Haiti hall graciously receive the German harge d'affaires at Port-au-Prince.

It is the fourth demand to which the ost serious exception has been taken the Haitian government as affecting aiti's honor and involving deep hu- iliation, for it was Count Schwerin, he German charge d'affaires at Port- u-Prince, who went before President imon Sam and rudely submitted the emand for indemnity and apology.

NOT SATISFIED.

Cubans Expected More Than President McKinley Has Promised.

Cleveland, Dec. 7.—Herbert W. Wol- ott of the Cuban American league ave out a statement for publication egarding the Cuban clauses in the resident's message. Mr. Wolcott said:

"I see by a morning paper that the ttitude of McKinley on the Cuban uestion is gratifying to Spain, accord- ng to Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Span- sh minister.

"Since reading President McKinley's nessage I can readily believe that, and think that his position is much more gratifying to the Spanish than it is to the friends of Cuba in this country.

"To tell the truth, I am really disap- pointed. I had not expected very much on account of the late news from Wash- ington, but President McKinley shows by his message that he will not do anything now, and probably never.

"And this can not, of course, but dis- appoint friends of Cuba and those who believed that the president would stand more nearly on the platform of his party, which declared 'that this gov- ernment should use its good offices to bring about the peace and independ- ence of the island of Cuba.'

"According to President McKinley the granting of belligerent rights would be a good thing for Spain and a bad thing for Cuba, but very singularly the prominent Cubans in this country de- sire it, and the Spanish minister and those like Senator Hale who approve of Spain's cause in the island are op- posed to granting it."

ONE LIFE LOST.

Fire in a Milwaukee Hotel Attended With Fatal Results.

Milwaukee, Dec. 7.—Fire broke out in the Lake House, a 4-story structure, at Lake and Ferry street, at 2:30 a. m.

Sixty people were asleep in the hos- telry at the time. One life was lost and five persons were injured in their endeavor to escape.

Charles Patterson, a dock laborer, lost his life, being overcome by smoke.

The following were injured in jump- ing from the building: Thomas O'Bri- en, leg sprained and head bruised; Robert Potter, head cut; Frank Mei- land, hands and legs sprained. The pecuniary loss is small.

Chasing the Duck.

Galveston, Dec. 7.—Hon. Willam Jen- nings Bryan arrived here and left with a party of friends for Lake Surprise to hunt ducks. The party will be gone three or four days. Mr. Bryan ex- pressed himself as follows on the pres- ident's message: "The message indi- cates an intention on the part of the president to aid in turning the issue of paper money over to the national banks and in the meantime a purpose to give gold a further superiority over silver as money."

Deadly Mine Explosion.

Poston, Pa., Dec. 7.—An explosion of gas in the Clear Spring mine will cost three men their lives. The remarkable escape of seven others from a living tomb forms a thrilling incident of the accident. One of the men who escaped said a runaway car had knocked loose a prop. This fell, and with it caved in a mass of rock, the deadly gas escaping from the opening thus caused.

Murdered In His Tent.

Bombay, Dec. 7.—An Englishman named Greaves, who had been inspect- ing the Persian gulf telegraph line, about 90 miles from Jask, in the prov- ince of Kerman, on the Arabian sea, just north of Cape Jask, was murdered in his tent by tribesmen. They decapi- tated and disemboweled the murdered man and looted and destroyed the camp of his native staff.

Allowed Them Ten Days.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7.—The state board of transportation has issued an order allowing Nebraska railroads 10 days' time in which to restore car-load rates on live stock. The roads recent- ly changed the method of fixing rates from car-load to 100-pound lots, which was complained against as raising the rates 10 per cent.

The Ausleich Prolonged.

Budapest, Dec. 7.—In the lower house of the Hungarian parliament a bill was introduced by Baron Banffy, the pre- mier, prolonging for a year the aus- gleich, or compact, between Hungary and Austria proper, without reference to any action on the same subject on the part of the Austrian government.

Very Significant Fact.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—It is deemed signifi- cant that 120 volunteers, including a number of members of the aristocracy, like Count von Kessler and the Prince of Thurn and Taxis, are to accompany the expedition to Kiao-Chau bay, with Prince Henry as its commander.

Claims Self-Defense.

Vincennes, Ind., Dec. 7.—Dr. W. G. Grigsby, this county, shot and killed Henry Swalley, a tenant. The bullet struck Swalley in the neck, causing death almost instantly. Dr. Grigsby is under arrest in this city. He claims that he acted in self-defense

His Neck Broken.

Napoleon, O., Dec. 7.—Ephraim Mick- ley, an aged citizen, fell down stairs and broke his neck.

MARKET REPORTS.

Grain and Stock Quotations For Dec. 6.

New York.

Beef—Family, $9 50@10 00; extra mess, $7 50@8 00, packed, $8 50@9 50 Cut meats—Pickled bellies, 6½@8c; pickled shoulders, 5¾c; pickled hams, 7¾@8c Lard—West- ern steam, $4 60@4 65. Pork—Old mess, $8 50@9 25

Butter—Western dairy, 12@20c; cream- ery, 14@23½c; do factory, 11½@14c. Cheese —State large, 8¼@9¼c, small, 9@9¼c; part skims, 5@6c; full skims, 2½@4c Eggs— State and Pennsylvania, 21@22c, western fresh, 20@23c.

Wheat—97½c. Corn—33⅝c Oats—26⅝c. Rye—50½c

Pittsburg.

Cattle—Choice, $4 75@4 90; good, $4 50@ 4 70, tidy butchers, $4 25@ 4 50, fair, $4 00 @4 25; common, $3 25@3 60, heifers, $3 25 @4 30; bulls, stags and cows, $2 00@3 60; fresh cows, $20@50.

Hogs—Yorkers, $3 35@3 40; mediums, $3 40 @3 45, fair, $3 40@3 45; grassers, $3 40@3 45; heavy, $3 30@3 35; rough, $2 25@3 00, pigs, $3 45@3 50

Sheep—Choice, $4 50@4 65; good, $4 45@ 4 50, fair, $4 10@4 30; common, $3 00@3 60; choice lambs, $5 60@6 85

Chicago.

Cattle—Beeves, $3 75@6 25 cows and heifers, $2 25@4 00; Texas steers, $3 00@ 4 10; westerns, $3 50@4 40; stockers and feeders, $3 00@4 35.

Hogs—Light, $3 30@3 47, medium, $3 30@ 3 52; heavy, $3 15@3 50; roughs, $3 15@ 3 20

Sheep and lambs—Choice sheep, $4 40@ 4 85; common, $3 90@4 50, choice lambs, $4 00@6 25; exports, $3 00@3 10

Wheat—95c Corn—25c Oats—20⅝c. Rye—46½c.

Buffalo.

Cattle—Butchers', $4 50@4 65; shipping, $4 65@4 85; best steers, $5 00@5 15; good cows and heifers, $4 00@4 40, stockers and feeders, $3 00@4 00; best, $3 50@4 25.

Hogs—Yorkers, $3 45@3 47½, roughs, com- mon to good, $3 45, mediums and heavies, $3 45; pigs, $3 50.

Sheep and lambs—Extras, $5 75@5 90; good prime, $5 40@5 60; common, $5 25@ 4 50, choice lambs, $5 75@5 80

Cleveland.

Hogs—Yorkers and lights, $3 37½; medi- ums and heavies, $3 .7½, stags and roughs, $2 75@3 00

Sheep and lambs—Sheep, $2 75@4 25; lambs, $4 00@5 40.

Cattle Steers, $3 75@4 50; heifers, $3 00 @4 00; cows and bulls, $2 00@3 25

Cincinnati.

Wheat—No 2 red 92½c Corn—No. 2 mixed, 27½c Oats No 2 mixed, 24c. Rye—46c.

Lard—$4 17½ Bulk meats—$4 25 Bacon— $5 65

Hogs—$2 80@3 47½ Cattle—$2 25@5 10. Sheep—$2 75@4 50

Baltimore.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 22@23c. Eggs— Fresh, 19@20c

Toledo.

Wheat—89⅝c. Corn—30c.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.

Bill Introduced in Congress by Mr. Lorimer of Illinois.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The establish- ment and regulation of a postal savings bank system is provided for in a bill introduced by Representative Lorimer (Ills.).

Under his scheme money-order offi- ces selected by the postmaster general are to be made branch postal savings banks, with an office in the department to be called the Central bank.

Any person may become a depos- itor under this act, including married women and minors above 12 years Deposits are limited to $1 and its mul- tiples, not exceeding $300 each, and deposits accumulating above $1,000 will not draw interest.

Postal savings stamps and cards of the denominations of 5 and 10 cents are to be sold. Interest is to be at the rate of 2 per cent a year, to be added to the principal on June 30 of each year. Pass books are to be forwarded annually for examination.

The secretary of the treasury is re- quired to invest in interest-bearing bonds of the United States, or whose principal is guaranteed by the United States, or in state bonds and bonds of municipalities and counties, under stated restrictions.

Deposits will not be liable to seizure or detention under any legal process All statutes defining crimes in the pos- tal service are to be applied to the postal savings system.

ALARM SOUNDED.

American Protective Association Opposed to McKenna For Supreme Judge.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Ech- ols and Secretary Palmer have issued a special address to the councils of the American Protective association. The address says it is the duty of the asso- ciation to protest to the president against Attorney General McKenna's elevation to the supreme court bench; asserts that the government depart- ments are being Romanized and Ro- manists given more than half the offi- ces in certain departments; declares against the president's latest extension of the civil service, and urges all mem- bers to write to their senators and rep- resentatives in opposition to the appro- priation of any money at the present session of congress to sectarian pur- poses.

Where They Come From.

After reading about microbes and ani- malcules little Toddles had been puz- zling his juvenile brain to discover where they came from. At last he hit upon what he considered to be the solu- tion. "Obviously," said he, "germs come from Germany."—Nuggets.

THE STANDARD

Accredited With Having Secured Control of

THE OIL TRADE OF GERMANY

The Art of Controlling Has Become a Science With the Standard—The Product Cheap in Fatherland, Only $1.50 Per Barrel.

Private advices received from Ger- many state that the Standard Oil Company is now practically in control of the oil trade in that country, and has decided to introduce the "factor" system among the dealers.

This means that the oil will remain the property, of the Standard Oil Trust until it is distributed and deal- ers will simply act as agents, getting their regular commission and rebates according to the amount of business that they handle.

This move of the Standard in Ger- many is much more significant than appears at first glance While the "factor" system is aimed at the Rus- sian oil competitors, with a view to driving them out of Germany, it practically means, in the opinion of local oil men, that as far as the dis- tribution of American products in Germany is concerned the Standard has finally become master of the situ- ation and has put down competition

It has just become known that the Standard has practically got control of the biggest outside concern in Germany that has been handling the American product—namely, the Mannheim Bremen Petroleum Com- pany, and now the Standard exclu- sively furnishes that company with the oil which the latter places on the market in Germany and several other European countries.

The Standard made terms with the Mellon oil interests, who built the Crescent pipe line to Philadelphia and long did a flourishing export bus- ness with France. Finally the Standard absorbed this company, and the "factor" plan, or something very similar to it, is now in operation in France. The mo- nopoly in that country is now more firmly intrenched than ever. Such is believed to be the ultimate outcome of the German situation, although efforts are being made to keep it secret in order not to arouse public opinion, which has al- ready been disturbed over the grow- ing power of the American oil trust The price of oil in Germany is now very low on account of competition with the Russian product, but an ad- vance is looked for as soon as the "factor" plan is put in operation. The present price of American refined oil is 4 marks 75 pfennigs, or about $1.50 a barrel.

NEARLY HALF MILE.

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in the scalding hot water before he succeeded in escaping from the pit, and he was severely scalded about the hands, arms and waist. His in- juries are not considered serious.

NOTES.

Conductor Frank Strohl, of the L E & W., is laying off. Conductor Frederic is running his car.

Passenger engineer Sam Carter, of the L. E & W., is still confined to his room and is seriously ill.

Passenger engineer Isaac Donald- son, of the L. E. & W., has returned to his duties, after a brief absence.

Frank Wyna, traveling passenger agent of the C. B. & Q., called on agent Baucheus, of the Pittsburg, last evening.

Supt. C. D. Law, of the Pennsyl- vania, has returned from Boulder, Col., where he spent some days with Mrs. Law, who is visiting there.

Hubert Taylor, until quite recent- ly a brakeman on the Lake Erie & Western railroad at this point, is now running a train on the D. & L. N. with headquarters at Te- cumseh, Mich., to which place he ex- pects to soon move his family.—*Ft Wayne Sentinel.*

MAGNIFICENT.

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After the banquet had been served, Mr Cable as toastmaster called on W. K. Boone, who gave an interest- ing talk on the history of Masonry Rev. Waters then followed with a short but pleasing talk. He said Masonry was not a religion, but a fellowship, yet as a religion it was much better than some religions, and that a Mason was as much of an orthodox as was Abraham. He said he considered the burial ritual the cream of anything in the field of lit- erature.

Grand master Williams was the last one to respond to a toast. He is a happy after dinner speaker and did honor to the occasion. He directed his remarks in part to the ladies and paid them a glowing tribute. His remarks upon Masonry were forceful and made a profound impression upon every person in the hall.

The hall, with over 300 guests seated at the banquet tables, made a most magnificent scene. The hall had been beautifully decorated. Portiers hung from the entrances and windows. A large bank of palms skirted the platform upon which the orchestra played during the banquet. After the toasts had all been re- sponded to, the floor was quickly cleared, after which dancing was par- ticipated in by both the young and the old until an early hour this morn- ing.

In every respect the affair was a perfect success and everyone left the hall delighted with the entertain- ment afforded by the Lima Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

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Quite Another Score.

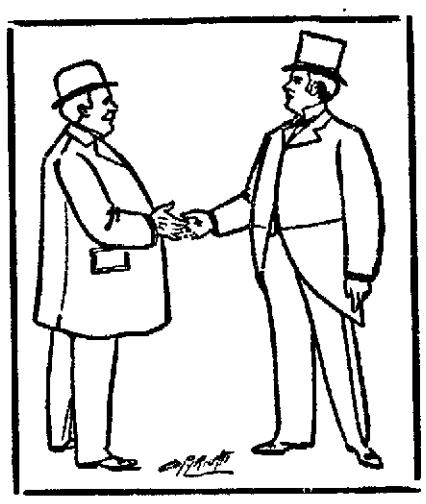
Alderman Plotke forgets that while it is one thing to score against the thea- ter hat it is another thing to score against 11 husky young men in football armor.—Chicago Record.

The Chief Advantage.

The chief advantage of the chainless bicycle appears to be that no one can mistake it for a last year's model.—De- troit News.

Treasury Statement.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $220,201,891; gold reserve, $157,766,928.



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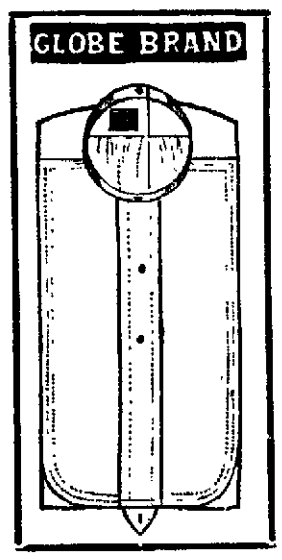

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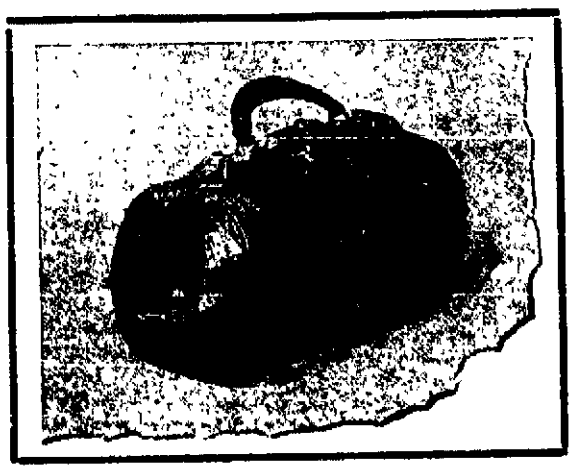

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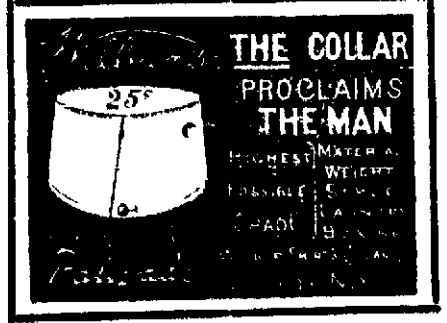

NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE®

MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

President McKinley Outlines His Policy.

NOTES REDEEMABLE IN GOLD

Plan to Bring the Yellow Metal Into the Treasury

SPAIN'S NEW POLICY APPROVED.

The Annexation of Hawaii Recommended.

Legislation For Alaska Is Urged.

Other Affairs of State Are Touched Upon.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The members of the Fifty-fifth congress listened to President McKinley's message, the salient portions of which follow:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

It gives me pleasure to extend greeting to the fifty-fifth congress assembled in regular session at the seat of government, with many of whose senators and representatives I have been associated in the legislative service.

Their meeting occurs under felicitous conditions justifying sincere congratulation and calling for our grateful acknowledgement to a beneficent Providence.

A matter of genuine satisfaction is the growing feeling of fraternal regard and unification of all sections of our country, the incompleteness of which has too long delayed realization of the highest blessings of the Union. The public questions which now most engross us are lifted far above either partisanship, prejudice of former sectional differences. They affect every part of our common country alike.

Tariff legislation having been settled by the extra session of congress, the question next pressing for consideration is that of the currency.

The work of putting our finances upon a sound basis, difficult as it may seem, will appear easier when we recall the financial operations of the government since 1866. On the 30th day of June of that year we had outstanding demand liabilities in the sum of $728,868,447.41. On the 1st of January, 1879, these liabilities had been reduced to $443,889,495.88.

The interest bearing debt of the United States on the 1st day of December, 1897, was $847,365,620. The government money now outstanding (Dec. 1) consists of $346,681,016 of United States notes, $107,793,280 of treasury notes issued by authority of the law of 1890, $384,963,504 of silver certificates and $61,280,761 of standard silver dollars.

The brief review of what was accomplished from the close of the war to 1893 makes unreasonable and groundless any distrust either of our financial ability or soundness; while the situation from 1893 to 1897 must admonish congress of the immediate necessity of so legislating as to make the return of the condition then prevailing impossible.

CURRENCY REMEDY

There are many plans proposed as a remedy for the evil. Before we can find the true remedy we must appreciate the real evil.

The evil of the present system is found in the great cost to the government of maintaining the parity of our different forms of money, that is, keeping all of them at par with gold.

We surely cannot be longer heedless of the burden this imposes upon the people, while the past four years have demonstated that it is not only an expensive charge upon the government, but a dangerous menace to the national credit.

It is manifest that we must devise some plan to protect the government against bond issues for repeated redemptions. We must either curtail the opportunity for speculation, made easy by the multiplied redemptions of our demand obligations, or increase the gold reserve for their redemption. We have $900,000,000 of currency which the government by solemn enactment has undertaken to keep at par with gold. Nobody is obliged to redeem in gold but the government.

The banks are not required to redeem in gold. The government is obliged to keep equal with gold all its outstanding currency and coin obligations, while its debts are not required to be paid in gold.

NO FIXED GOLD REVENUE.

The government without any fixed gold revenue is pledged to maintain gold redemption, which it has steadily and faithfully done and which under the authority now given it will continue to do so.

The law which requires the government after having redeemed its United States notes to pay them out again as current funds demands a constant replenishment of the gold reserve. This is especially so in the case of business panic and when the revenues are insufficient to meet the expenses of the government. At such times the government has no other way to supply its deficit and maintain redemption but through the increase of its bonded debt, as during the administration of my predecessor when $262,315,400 of four and a half per cent. bonds were issued.

With our revenues equal to our expenses, there would be no deficit requiring the issuance of bonds. But if the gold reserve falls below $100,000,000, how will it be replenished except by selling more bonds? Is there any other way practicable under existing law?

If no further legislation is had and the policy of selling bonds is to be continued, then congress should give the secretary of the treasury authority to sell bonds at long or short periods, bearing a less rate of interest than is now authorized by law

EXCHANGE NOTES FOR GOLD

I earnestly recommend as soon as the receipts of the government are quite sufficient to pay all the expenses of the government, and that when any of the United States notes are presented for redemption in gold and are redeemed in gold, such notes shall be kept and set apart, and only paid out in exchange for gold. This is an obvious duty.

If the holder of the United States note prefer the gold and gets it from the government, he should not receive back from the government a United States note without paying gold in exchange for it

The reason for this is made all the more apparent when the government issued an interest bearing debt to provide gold for the redemption of United States notes—a non-interest bearing debt. Surely it should not pay them out again except on demand and for gold. If they are put out in any other way they may return again and be followed by another bond issue to redeem them—another interest bearing debt to redeem a non-interest bearing debt

In my view it is of the most importance that the government should be relieved from the burden of providing all the gold required for exchanges and export

This responsibility is alone borne by the government without any of the usual and necessary banking powers to help itself. The banks do not feel the strain of gold redemption. The whole strain rests upon the government.

I concur with the secretary of the treasury in his recommendation that national banks be allowed to issue notes to the face value of the bonds which they have deposited for circulation, and that the tax on circulating notes secured by deposit of such bonds be reduced to one-half of one per cent. per annum

I also join him in recommending that authority be given for the establishment of national banks with the minimum capital of $25,000. This will enable the smaller villages and agricultural regions of the country to be supplied with currency to meet their needs.

I recommend that the issue of national bank notes be restricted to the denomination of ten dollars and upward.

If these suggestions have the approval of congress, then I would recommend that national banks be required to redeem their notes in gold.

THE CUBAN QUESTION.

The most important problem with which this government is now called upon to deal pertaining to its foreign relations concerns its duty toward Spain and the Cuban insurrection.

The story of Cuba for many years has been one of unrest; growing discontent; an effort toward a larger enjoyment of liberty and self control; of organized resistance to the mother country. For no enduring period since the enfranchisement of the continental possession of Spain in the western continent has the condition of Cuba or the policy of Spain toward Cuba not caused concern to the United States.

The prospect from time to time that the weakness of Spain's hold upon the island and the political vicissitudes and embarrassments of the home government might lead to the transfer of Cuba to a continental power called forth, between 1823 and 1860 various emphatic declarations of the policy of the United States to permit no disturbance of Cuba's connection with Spain unless in the direction of independence or acquisition by the United States through purchase.

The revolution which began in 1868 lasted for ten years, despite the strenuous efforts of the successive peninsular governments to suppress it.

The overtures made by General Grant were refused and the war dragged on, entailing great loss of life and treasure and increased injury to American interests besides throwing enchanced burdens of neutrality upon this government.

THE PRESENT INSURRECTION.

The present insurrection broke out in February, 1895. The revolt and the efforts to subdue it carried destruction to every quarter of the island, defying the efforts of Spain for its suppression. The civilized code of war has been disregarded, no less so by the Spaniards than by the Cubans.

The existing conditions cannot but fill this government and the American people with the gravest apprehension. There is no desire on the part of our people to profit by the misfortunes of Spain. We have only the desire to see the Cubans prosperous and contented, enjoying that measure of self-control which is the inalienable right of man.

The offer made by my predecessor in April, 1896, tendering the friendly offices of this government, failed. Then only could Spain act in the promised direction of her own motion and after her own plans.

The cruel policy of concentration was initiated Feb. 16, 1896. The productive districts controlled by the Spanish armies were depopulated. The agricultural inhabitants were brought in the garrison towns, their lands laid waste. This policy the late cabinet of Spain justified as a necessary measure of war and as a means of cutting off supplies from the insurgents. It has utterly failed as a war measure. It was not civilized warfare. It was extermination.

ENTERED PROTESTS

Against this abuse of the rights of war I have felt constrained on repeated occasions to enter the firm and earnest protest of this government. There was much of public condemnation of the treatment of American citizens by alleged illegal arrests and long imprisonment awaiting trial or pending protracted judicial proceedings. I felt it my first duty to make instant demand for the release or speedy trial of all American citizens under arrest. Before the change of the Spanish cabinet in October last 22 citizens of the United States had been given their freedom.

The instructions given to our new minister to Spain before his departure for his post directed him to impress upon that government the sincere wish of the United States to lend its aid toward the ending of the war in Cuba by reaching a peaceful and lasting result, just and honorable alike to Spain and to the Cuban people.

No solution was proposed to which the slightest idea of humiliation to Spain could attach, and indeed precise proposals were withheld to avoid embarrassment to that government.

All that was asked or expected was that some safe way might be speedily provided and permanent peace restored.

Between the departure of General Woodford, the new envoy, and his arrival in Spain, the statesman, who had shaped the policy of his country, fell by the hand of an assassin, and although the cabinet of the late premier still held office and received from our envoy the proposals he bore, that cabinet gave place within a few days thereafter to a new administration under the leadership of Sagasta.

SPAIN'S NEW POLICY

The reply to our note was received on the 23d day of October. It is in the direction of a better understanding. It appreciates the friendly purposes of this government. It admits that our country is deeply affected by the war in Cuba and that its desires for peace are just

It declared that the present Spanish government is bound by every consideration to a change of policy that should satisfy the United States and pacify Cuba within a reasonable time. To this end Spain has decided to put into effect the political reforms heretofore advocated by the present premier, without halting for any consideration in the path which in its judgment leads to peace

The military operations, it is said, will continue, but will be humane and conducted with all regard for private rights, being accompanied by political action leading to the autonomy of Cuba while guarding Spanish sovereignty. This, it is claimed, will result in investing Cuba with a distinct personality; the island to be governed by an executive and a local council or chamber, reserving to Spain the control of the foreign relations, the army and navy and the judicial administration

The immediate amelioration of existing conditions under the new administration of Cuban affairs is predicted and therewithal the disturbance and all occasion for any change of attitude on the part of the United States

Discussion of the question of the international duties and responsibilities of the United States as Spain understands them is presented, with an apparent disposition to charge us with failure in this regard This charge is without any basis in fact

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WHAT IS LIFE?

A discovery by Prof Gates, of Washington, which answers the question.

An Interesting Subject.

"What is life?" This question has been asked during all ages, but it has never until now been successfully answered. Professor Elmer Gates, of Washington, who has been making great experiments with the microscope, has made virtually a double microscope; in other words, he brings the image of the first microscope on the lens, which picture on the lens is enlarged by the second microscope so that many things which it is impossible to see with an ordinary microscope are revealed. In this way he is able to see the smallest cells of the body in an exceedingly large form. He says: "Cut a piece of protoplasm into a number of pieces and each piece will still be alive," thus proving that the germs of life exist in even the minutest particle of the body.

But he goes farther and says that he believes *mind is life*, and that mind is present in every particle of the body. This is a new, a startling, a wonderful theory and it may lead to a revolution on the subjects of disease, health and happiness. It explains clearly one thing and that is, why the mind is frequently affected when the body is disordered, and it brings home the question of health or disease very forcibly.

It becomes plain that in order to have a clear head and a strong mind, one must have a body that is in perfect condition. When the body is deranged the mind cannot work rightly. With pains in the back, nausea, weariness, bearing down sensations and all the symptoms indicating a weakened condition of the kidneys and urinary organs, there is certain to be a clouding of the intellect which calls for immediate action. This can only be successfully taken by using some great, modern discovery that is certain to put the cell tissues in perfect shape. There is such a discovery and it is doing more to counteract pain and establish health than anything known to modern times. In speaking of it Dr. William Edward Robson, of London, says: "I emphatically state that I have been able to give more relief and effect more cures by the use of Warner's Safe Cure than by all the medicine in the British pharmacopoeia." Dr. R. A. Gunn, dean of the United States Medical College, says: "I prescribe and use Warner's Safe Cure in both acute and chronic Bright's disease and commend it most frankly."

Such statements should convince any man or woman that there is no need of farther suffering, if a prompt use is made of the remedy that is commended so highly.

It could not have been made if Spain had been cognizant of the consistant efforts this government has made at the cost of millions and by the employment of the administrative machinery of the nation at command to perform its full duty according to the law of nations.

That it has successfully prevented the departure of a single military expedition or armed vessel from our shores in violation of our laws would seem to be a sufficient answer.

But of this aspect of the Spanish note it is not necessary to speak further now. Firm in the conviction of a wholly performed obligation due response to this charge has been made in diplomatic course.

Throughout all these horrors and dangers to our own peace this government has never in any way abrogated its sovereign prerogative of reserving to itself the determination of its policy and course according to its own high sense of right and consonance with the dearest interests and convictions of our own people should the prolongation of the strife so demand.

Of the untried measures there remain only: Recognition of the insurgents as belligerents; recognition of the independence of Cuba; neutral intervention to end the war by imposing a rational compromise between the contestants, and intervention in favor of one or the other party.

BELLIGERENT RIGHTS DISCUSSED.

Recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents has often been canvassed as a possible if not inevitable step both in regard to the previous 10 years' struggle and during the present war.

I am not unmindful that the two houses of congress in the spring of 1896 expressed the opinion by concurrent resolution that a condition of public war existed requiring or justifying the recognition of a state of belligerency in Cuba, and during the extra session the senate voted a joint resolution of like import, which, however, was not brought to a vote in the house of representatives

In the presence of these significant expressions of the sentiment of the legislative branch it behooves the executive to soberly consider the conditions under which so important a measure must needs rest for justification

It is to be seriously considered whether the Cuban insurrection possesses beyond dispute the attributes of statehood which alone can demand the recognition of belligerency in its favor

Possession, in short, of the essential qualifications of sovereignty by the insurgents and the conduct of the war by them according to the received code of war are no less important factors toward the determination of the problem of belligerency than are the influences and consequences of the struggle upon the internal policy of the recognized state

The wise utterances of President Grant in his memorable message of Dec 7, 1875, are signally relevant to the present situation in Cuba. (President McKinley here quotes a portion of Grant's message)

DANGERS POINTED OUT.

Continuing, President McKinley says:

Turning to the practical aspects of a recognition of belligerency and reviewing its inconveniences and positive dangers, still further pertinent considerations appear.

In the code of nations there is no such thing as a naked recognition of belligerency unaccompanied by the assumption of international neutrality

Such recognition without more will not confer upon either party to a domestic conflict a status not theretofore actually possessed or affect the relation of either party to other states. The act of recognition usually takes the form of a solemn proclamation of neutrality which recites the de facto condition of belligerency as its motive.

It announces a domestic law of neutrality in the declaring state. It assumes the international obligations of a neutral in the presence of a public state of war

It warns all citizens and others within the jurisdiction of the proclaimant that they violate those rigorous obligations at their own peril and cannot expect to be shielded from the consequences.

The right of visit and search on the seas and seizure of vessels and cargoes and contraband of war and good prize under admiralty law must under international law be admitted as a legitimate consequence of a proclamation of belligerency

The enforcement of this enlarged and onerous code of neutrality would only be influential within our own jurisdiction by land and sea and applicable by our own instrumentalities. It could impart to the United States no jurisdiction between Spain and the insurgents. It would give the United States no right of intervention to enforce the conduct of the strife within the paramount authority of Spain according to the international code of war.

INSURGENTS NOT RECOGNIZED

For these reasons I regard the recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents as now unwise and therefore inadmissible. Should that step hereafter be deemed wise as a measure of right and duty, the executive will take it.

Intervention upon humanitarian grounds has been frequently suggested and has not failed to receive my most active and earnest consideration.

But should such a step be now taken when it is apparent that a hopeful change has supervened in the policy of Spain toward Cuba. A new government has taken office in the mother country. It is pledged in advance to the declaration that all the efforts in the world cannot suffice to maintain peace in Cuba by the bayonet; that vague promises of reform after subjugation afford no solution of the problem.

The first acts of the new government lie in these honorable paths. The policy of cruel rapine and extermination that so long shocked the universal sentiment of humanity has been reversed. Under the new military commander a broad clemency is proffered. Measures have already been set on foot to relieve the horrors of starvation.

The power of the Spanish armies, it is said, is to be used not to spread desolation, but not to protect the resumption of agricultural pursuits.

FAIR CHANCE FOR SPAIN.

The president then reviews the Spanish decrees foreshadowing the reforms and concludes the Cuban discussion as follows: It is honestly due to Spain and to our friendly relations with Spain that she should be given a reasonable chance to realize her expectations and to prove the asserted efficacy of the new order of things to which she stands irrevocably committed.

She has recalled the commander whose brutal orders inflamed the American mind and shocked the civilized world. She has modified the terrible order of concentration and has undertaken to care for the helpless and permit those who desire to resume the cultivation of their fields to do so and assures them of the protection of the Spanish government in their lawful occupations.

She has just released the "competitor" prisoners heretofore sentenced to death, and who have been the subject of repeated diplomatic correspondence during both this and the preceding administration.

Not a single American citizen is now in arrest or confinement in Cuba of whom this government has any knowledge. The near future will demonstrate whether the indispensable condition of the righteous peace, just alike to the Cubans and to Spain, as well as equitable to all our interests so intimately involved in the welfare of Cuba, is likely to be attained

If not, the exigency of further and other action by the United States will remain to be taken. When that time comes that action will be determined in the line of indisputable right and duty.

It will be faced, without misgiving or hesitancy in the light of the obligation this government owes to itself, to the people who have confided to it the protection of their interests and honor, and to humanity.

If it shall hereafter appear to be a duty imposed by our obligations to ourselves, to civilization and humanity to intervene with force, it shall be without fault on our part and only because the necessity for such action will be so clear as to command the support and approval of the civilized world

HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION

By a special message dated the 16th day of June last I laid before the senate a treaty signed that day by the plenipotentiaries of the United States and of the Republic of Hawaii, having for its purpose the incorporation of the Hawaiian islands as an integral part of the United States and under its sovereignty. The senate having relieved the injunction of secrecy, although the treaty is still pending before that body, the subject may be properly referred to in this message because the necessary action of the congress is required to determine by legislation many details of the eventual union should the fact of annexation be accomplished, as I believe it should be.

That treaty was unanimously ratified without amendment by the senate and president of the republic of Hawaii on the 10th of September last, and only awaits the favorable action of the American senate to effect the complete absorption of the islands into the domain of the United States.

If the treaty is confirmed as every consideration of dignity and honor requires, the wisdom of congress will see to it that, avoiding abrupt assimilation of elements perhaps hardly yet fitted to share in the highest franchises of citizenship, and having due regard to the geographical conditions, the most just provisions for self rule in local matters with the largest political liberties as an integral part of our nation will be accorded to the Hawaiians.

The questions which have arisen between Japan and Hawaii by reason of the treatment of Japanese laborers emigrating to the islands under the Hawaiian-Japanese convention of 1888, are in a satisfactory stage of settlement by negotiation

It is gratifying to learn that the apprehensions at first displayed on the part of Japan lest the cessation of Hawaii's national life through annexation might impair privileges to which Japan honorably laid claim, having given place to confidence in the uprightness of this government to deal with all ulterior questions in the broadest spirit of friendliness

INSTRUCTIONS TO MINISTER MERRY

As to the representation of this government to Nicaragua, Salvador and Costa Rica, I have concluded that Mr. William L. Merry, confirmed as minister of the United States to the states of Nicaragua, Salvador and Costa Rica, shall proceed to San Jose, Costa Rica, and there temporarily establish the headquarters of the United States to those three states

I took this action for what I regarded as the paramount interests of this country. It was developed upon an investigation by the secretary of state that the government of Nicaragua, while not unwilling to receive Mr. Merry in his diplomatic quality, was unable to do so because of the compact concluded June 20, 1895, whereby that republic and those of Salvador and Honduras, forming what is known as the Greater Republic of Central America, had surrendered to the representative diet there of their right to receive and send diplomatic agents.

The diet was not willing to accept him because he was not accredited to that body. I could not accredit him to that body because the appropriation law of congress did not permit it. Mr. Baker, the present minister at Managua, has been directed to present his letters of recall.

Mr. W. Godfrey Hunter has likewise...

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Legal Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has this day filed her petition in the Probate Court of Allen County, Ohio, praying for an order authorizing her to sell or otherwise dispose of the following claims, consisting of fees due to Lawrence O'Neill, in his lifetime as Sheriff of said County, and which have become desperate and difficult of collection, to-wit:

In that Spellman vs. Shilling, Docket 2 in the Clerk's office of said county, amount three ($3.00) dollars, and the fees in about two hundred (200) cases on the Execution dockets and Foreign Writ dockets of said county and which are too numerous to set forth; but which are mentioned in the petition filed in said case.

Said petition will be for hearing on the 26th of December, A. D., 1897.

LAURA O'NEILL,
Administratrix of the Estate of Lawrence O'Neill, Deceased.
December 1st, 1897.

Legal Notice.

All whom it may concern will take notice: That the Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, of Lima, Ohio did, on the 30th day of November, 1897, file an application in the Court of Common Pleas, Allen County, Ohio, for an order to sell the following described real estate, situate in Lima, Allen County, Ohio, to-wit:

Outlot number one (1) in the original town (now city of Lima, Allen County, Ohio), being all of said outlot number one (1) except so much thereof as was heretofore conveyed by deed and in condemnation proceedings in the Probate Court of Allen County, Ohio, to the Dayton and Michigan Railway Company; also further excepting so much of said outlot number one (1) as has been heretofore appropriated for the extension of North street across the north end of said outlot and Mulberry alley on the south end of said lot; further excepting so much of said outlot number one (1) as was heretofore conveyed to Dr. William McHenry, recorded in volume R, page 311, taken from the north end of said outlot number one (1).

Also, inlot number sixteen hundred and nine (1609) in Mrs. Harriet Cheney's subdivision of lots number two hundred and seventeen (217), two hundred and eighteen (218) and two hundred and nineteen (219), in the original town (now city) of Lima, Allen County, Ohio, except fifty (50) feet off of the west end thereof.

The purpose alleged in said application for the sale of said property is to purchase other property and erect thereon a church building and parsonage.

The said application will be for hearing after the publication of this notice for four consecutive weeks. THE TRUSTEES Of the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Lima, Ohio.

Motter & Mackenzie, Attorneys. 12-w4

Legal Notice.

No. 5719.

Lorenz J. Holzfoster, as executor of the last will of Jacob B. Haller, deceased, Plaintiff, vs. Franklin Haller et al., Defend'ts.	Probate Court, Allen County, Ohio.

Christian L. Haller and Sarah Haller, who reside in the city of New York, in the state of New York, will take notice that Lorenz J. Holzfoster, as executor of the last will and testament of Jacob B. Haller, late of Allen county Ohio, deceased, on the third day of March, 1897, filed his petition in the Probate Court of Allen county, Ohio, alleging that the personal estate of said decedent is insufficient to pay his debts and the charges of administering his estate and for the payment of legacies; that the said Jacob B. Haller died seized in fee simple of the following real estate in German township, Allen county, Ohio, to-wit:

All that part of the east half of the northwest quarter of section number twenty six (26), town three (3) south range six (6) east, lying south of the right of way of the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railroad, except a small cemetery hereon, 166 feet north and south by 27 feet east and west, and a right of way thereto 10 feet wide.

Also, the southwest part of the northeast quarter of said section twenty-six (26) in said town and range, beginning at the southwest corner of said northeast quarter of said section twenty six 26; thence east on the south line of said quarter section fourteen hundred and fourteen (1414) feet to a stake, thence north eight hundred and fifty two (852) feet to a point in the south line of the right of way of said Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago railroad; thence northwestwardly on the south line of the right of way of said railroad to a point in the west line of said northeast quarter of said section twenty-six (26); thence south on the west line of said northeast quarter of said section to the place of beginning; in all one hundred and five and forty-two hundredths [105 42-100] acres of land with all appurtenances thereto.

The prayer of the petition is that said property be sold to pay the debts and charges aforesaid, the legacy provided in the will of plaintiff's decedent, and to distribute the residue in accordance with said will

Christian L. Haller and Sarah Haller are hereby notified that they have been made parties defendant in said petition and that they are required to answer on or before the 22d day of December, A. D. 1897.

LORENZ J. HOLZFOSTER,
Executor of the last will and testament of Jacob B. Haller, deceased
I. M. Longsworth, Attorney. 11-16 6w

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Case No. 9318.

Theodore D. Dimon, Plaintiff, vs. Minnie F. Lohmar et al., Defendants.	Allen Common Pleas.

By virtue of an order of sale, issued from the Court of Common Pleas of Allen county Ohio, and to me directed I will offer for sale at the east door of the court house in Lima Allen county, Ohio, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31st, A. D. 1897.

Between the hours of 1 o'clock and 4 o'clock p. m., the following described lands and tenements, situate in Lima, Allen county, State of Ohio, and described as follows to-wit:

Inlot number one thousand four hundred and forty (1440) in Standiford's addition to the city of Lima, Ohio, save and except thirteen (13) feet off the west side thereof.

Appraised at $1,100 00.
Terms of sale—Cash.

AARON FISHER, Sheriff, Allen County, Ohio
Lima, Ohio, November 30 1897.
Prophet & Eastman, plaintiff's attorneys.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Case No. 9312.

Ex. Doc. 18. Page

The John Church Company, Plaintiff. vs. Rosa Robb, Defendant.	Allen Common Pleas

By virtue of an order of sale, issued from the Court of Common Pleas of Allen county, Ohio, and to me directed, I will offer for sale at the store room of Porter & Son, No. 141 south Main street, in Lima, Allen county, Ohio, on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14th, A. D 1897

at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described chattel property, situate in the rear room of Porter & Son's music store, Allen county, State of Ohio, and described as follows, to-wit:

One "Harvard" piano number (8226) fifty two hundred and twenty-six.

Terms of Sale—Cash.

AARON FISHER, Sheriff, Allen County, Ohio
Lima, Ohio, December 1, 1897.
Brotherton & Brotherton, plaintiff's attorneys.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Case No. 9251.

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The Lima Cemetery Association, Plaintiff, vs. Elenora Mowen, Defendant.	Allen Common Pleas

By virtue of an order of sale, issued from the Court of Common Pleas, of Allen county Ohio, and to me directed, I will offer for sale at the east door of the Court House in Lima, Allen county Ohio, on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11th, A. D, 1897

Between the hours of 1 o'clock and 4 o'clock p. m., the following described lands and tenements, situate in Lima, Allen county, State of Ohio, and described as follows, to wit:

A part of the northeast quarter of section twenty-five (25) town three 3, south of range six (6) east, described as beginning at the northeast corner of said quarter section, thence south seven (7) chains and sixty (60) links, thence west forty (40) chains and fifty (50) links to the west line of said quarter section, thence north seven (7) chains and thirty (30) links to the northwest corner of said quarter section, thence east forty (40) chains and fifty eight (58) links to the place of beginning, excepting a strip off the north side thereof one and one-half (1½) rods wide; and also excepting four (4) acres out of the south-east corner described as commencing at the south east corner of the first above described tract, thence north fourteen (14) rods, thence west forty-five and five sevenths (45 5-7) rods, thence south fourteen rods to the south line thereof, thence east to the place of beginning, said last described tract having been heretofore sold to John Mullenhour.

Appraised at $1 400 00.
Terms of Sale—Cash.

AARON FISHER Sheriff, Allen County Ohio
Lima, Ohio, November 5, 1897.
W. H. Leete, Plaintiff's Attorney.

Legal Notice.

Carley Collins, Maggie Moore and Harry Collins, residing in Danville, State of Illinois, will take notice that Clarence H Folsom, administrator of the estate of Nancy J. Collins, deceased, on the 27th day of October, 1897, filed his petition in the Probate Court of Allen county Ohio, alleging that the personal estate of said decedent is not sufficient to pay her debts, and that she died seized in fee simple of the following described real estate, situated in said county to-wit: The ½ of 35½ ft off the w. side of inlot 604, McKibben's addition to Lima, Ohio. The prayer of said petition is for the sale of said real estate for the payment of debts. The above named parties are parties to said suit, and are required to answer on or before the 25th day of November, 1897.

CLARENCE H. FOLSOM,
Administrator of estate Nancy J. Collins, deceased
Motter & Mackenzie, Attorneys. 10-27-6w

Legal Notice.

Nicholas Gluckler and Anna Gluckler, residing in the City of Detroit, State of Michigan, will take notice that The South Side Building and Loan Association, of Lima, Ohio, on the 20th day of September, A. D 1897, filed its petition in the Court of Common Pleas, Allen county, Ohio, case No. 9 290, against them and others, praying for foreclosure of mortgage upon inlot No. 2,739 in City of Lima, Ohio, and for sale of mortgaged premises. Amount claimed, $417 45 with interest from Sept 20, 1897.

Said Nicholas Gluckler and Anna Gluckler are required to answer on or before the 4th day of December, 1897

THE SOUTH SIDE BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, of Lima, Ohio.
Motter & Mackenzie, attorneys.
November 3, 1897. 11-4-6w

Legal Notice.

Nellie O. Doute, whose place of residence is unknown, will take notice that on the 15th day of October, A. D. 1897, James L. Doute filed his petition in the Court of Common Pleas of Allen county, Ohio, being case No. 9317, praying a divorce from said Nellie O Doute on the ground of gross neglect of duty and fraud, and that said cause will be for hearing on and after November 29th, 1897.

JAMES L. DOUTE, Plaintiff.
By Copeland & Rogers, Attorneys.
Lima, O., Oct. 15, 1897. 10-19-6w

Notice of Appointment.

Estate of John Rudgard Ashton, deceased.

The undersigned have been appointed and qualified as administrators, with the will annexed, of the estate of John Rudgard Ashton, late of Allen county, Ohio, deceased.

Dated this 15th day of November, A. D. 1897.

FRANCES ASHTON and S. L. ASHTON. 11-16-3w

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Taking effect Sunday, Nov. 28th.

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...ast Saturday evening being the ...a wedding anniversary of Mr. ... Mrs. Frank Fraunfelter, a very ...sant surprise was given them at ...r home in Allentown. At 7:30 ...ock the door was opened and ...ut 60 of their friends walked in ...hem And all that can be said ...at it was a complete surprise ...ery elaborate menu was served ...n 10 to 12 o'clock. During the ...ning the guests were delightfully ...rtained by Mrs R. E. Haines ... Miss Roa Fraunfelter, who exe...d several pretty piano selections ...heir usual and ever pleasing man... About 12:30 o'clock Mr. R. E. ...nes, in a very appropriate man... presented Mr. and Mrs. Fraun...er with several handsome pieces ...hina, which closed a very enjoy... evening.

The Discovery of the Day.

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MR. HUGHES' IDEA.

Continued From Fifth Page.

plans and specifications for the proposed paving of the street, from the public square to the C. & E., with brick, as petitioned for by a majority of the property owners. But few changes were made in these specifications from those of the north Main street improvement except that they provided that the improvement shall be guaranteed for a period of five years

Mr. Koch objected to a clause of the specifications requiring a six inch concrete foundation beneath the ties of the street railroad. It was adding too much expense to the property owners and the city.

Mr. Robbins thought the rails on the south Main street track were not deep enough by several inches to permit a good pavement.

Mr. Chapin suggested that the council permit the Lima Railway Co. to lay a double track to the C & E., and get them to lay new and deeper rails on the street

Mr. Hughes moved to amend the specifications by adopting a clause providing for a foundation of six inches of the old stone now on the street and four inches of new crushed stone and last, before the brick, two inches of sand, each of the three portions to be rolled after being placed upon the street.

Mr. Harmon could not see the policy of adopting the new kind of foundation proposed by Mr. Hughes, unless he could show that it was something better than that used on north Main street.

Mr. Chapin opposed the proposition to use the old stone.

Mr. Morrison said that there would be too much traffic over the two tracks on each side of the street railway tracks for anything but a concrete foundation. He favored the same formula as that followed in the construction of the north Main street improvement.

Mr. Koch favored Mr. Hughes' proposition

Mr. Standish thought it advisable to leave the old macadam on the low portion of the street between the bridge and Circular street, and put this additional foundation above it

Mr. Snyder said that to raise the grade of the street would occasion claims of damages against the city by owners of abutting property. With reference to the small rails now in use on the street, he stated that the railway company had promised to put in a deeper rail at any time the street should be paved, and that he believed that some of the property owners had a contract to that effect.

The engineer was in favor of a concrete foundation made of crushed stone and Portland cement. He said that six inches of the present macadam, when taken off and the stone from it replaced, would roll down to a depth of four inches.

Mr. Hughes claimed that his proposition was no experiment, but that a foundation of stone and sand would be a better one than one of concrete.

Mr. Chapin amended Mr. Hughes' motion, moving to refer the proposed amendment to the specifications back to the paving committee. The motion was carried.

RECENT IMPROVEMENTS ACCEPTED.

The paving committee recommended the acceptance of the north Main street and west Market street improvements, 3 per cent. of the cost of the improvements to be withheld as a guarantee. The report was adopted.

The finance committee recommended that this city join the League of American Municipalities and pay the membership fee of $20 required from cities of this class.

Mr. Stephens said that the league furnished information to all member cities upon any and all questions of municipal interest, upon application

The clerk read a communication from the league explaining the objects and advantages of the organization.

Mr. Morrison moved to adopt the committee's recommendation. Carried.

Mr. Chapin, a member of the street committee, reported, recommending that the speed of railroad trains be limited to fifteen miles an hour within the city.

Upon motion by Mr. Stephens the report was laid upon the table.

The finance committee recommended the payment of bills aggregating upon the various funds as follows:

Fire	fund	$ 590 84
General	"	1 145 85
Light	"	1,240 90
Police	"	901 70
Poor	"	113 33
Sanitary	"	555 60
Sewer	"	296 13
Sidewalk	"	310 71
Street	"	1 565 95
North Main street improvement		7 481 74
West Market "	"	3,053 44
McDonel	"	84 13
Total		$17,053 98

Upon motion all bills were allowed.

Upon motion contractors Wildes & Son were allowed 2 per cent. of the 5 per cent. of guarantee withheld from the cost of the Harrison avenue improvement, leaving a uniform guarantee of 3 per cent. upon each of the three improvements recently completed.

A resolution was adopted ratifying the contract awarded by the county commissioners for the repairing of the Shawnee bridge.

NEW ORDINANCES.

An ordinance providing for the appointment of merchants' policemen was read and referred to the police committee.

An ordinance to construct the proposed Main and Eureka streets sewer was read, and the engineer was instructed to furnish a profile of the proposed sewer.

An ordinance prescribing the hours for blasting within the city limits was laid upon the table.

FINDLAY STREET OPENING.

The members from the First ward, Messrs. O'Brien and McVey, submitted a resolution instructing the solicitor to commence proceedings for the opening of Findlay street, across the C., H. & D. The resolution was adopted, all members voting yea, except Messrs Hughes and Snyder, who voted against the measure.

Mr Hughes immediately arose and moved that south Metcalf street be opened. He said he had always opposed the opening of Findlay street, because the city would have to stand the expense, but if the council was determined to open the street, he wanted Metcalf street opened also at the city's expense.

The solicitor said the cost of the improvement would be paid by abutting property, so far as that property would stand the assessment.

Mr. Hughes' motion was also carried.

RAILROAD STREET CROSSING LIGHTS.

The light committee recommended that the L. E. & W., and C., H. & D. railroads pay for electric lights at Eureka and Kibby streets crossings; the Ohio Southern, one light at Bellefontaine avenue; the D. & L. N., at High and North street crossings; the Dayton Northern, at Pine street; the Pennsylvania Company, two-thirds cost of a light at McDonel street and one at Pine street, and the C. & E., for one light at Reece avenue.

Mr Hughes said the matter had been thoroughly considered and that the above report had been prepared to equalize the expense as far as possible.

Mr. Koch thought the Pennsylvania company should be required to pay the entire expense for all lights at its street crossings.

Mr Snyder wanted a light placed at the Ohio Southern and Kibby street.

Mr. Koch moved to refer the report back to have it amended to require the Pennsylvania company to pay the entire cost of the McDonel street light.

Mr Hughes said he would make the same report again, if the report should be referred back, whereupon Mr Koch moved to amend the report in accordance with his recommendation. The motion was lost by a vote of five yeas to six nays. The original report was then adopted.

Adjourned.

LETTER LIST.

Letters remaining uncalled for in the Lima postoffice for week ending Dec. 6, 1897:

Artell, W M	Junkin, J W
Baker, A L	King, James M
Baker, George	Lamer, Mike
Burns, Lizzie (3)	Love, Effy
Cottner, S	Lrones, Clara
Cole, F N (2)	Marcum, G S
Coroms, Mattie	Rife, Nora
Davis, Sarah	Rosenberger, A E
Dauman, Ed	Schinder, Jacob
Early, B	Shrives, O. E
Eddy, T D (4)	Smith, Geo R
Forsh, Mr	Smith, G W
French. R M	Snyder, Nittie I
Gale, F E	Spyker, M M
Giosanni, Al Signore	Sullivan, Joseph
	Townsend, Elmer
Hanthorn, J W	Warren, S R
Nolt, F	Wickham, Jas R
Jones, Anna	Weilet, E A

Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."

W. R. MEHAFFEY, P. M.

A SMALL SECRET.

Couldn't understand the taste of his customers.

Two men in Keokuk were discussing the various food products now being supplied in such variety and abundance. One, a grocer, said: "I frequently try a package or so of any certain article before offering it to my trade, and in that way sometimes form a different idea than my customers have. For instance, about three weeks ago I thought I would try some Postum Food Coffee to see what reason there was for such a call for it. At breakfast I didn't like it and supper proved the same, so I naturally concluded that my taste was different from that of the customers who bought it right along. A day or two after, I waited on a lady who was buying a 25c package and told her I couldn't understand how one could fancy the taste of Postum. 'I know just what is the matter,' she said; 'you put the coffee boiler on the stove for just fifteen minutes and ten minutes of that time it simmered, and perhaps five minutes it boiled Now if you will have left it to boil full fifteen minutes after it commences to boil, you will find a delicious Java like beverage, rich in food value of gluten and phosphates, so choice that you will never abandon it, particularly when you see the great gain in health' Well, I took another trial and sure enough I have joined the Postum army for good, and life seems worth living, since I have got rid of my old time stomach and kidney troubles

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REVEALED BY DEATH.

Several Families Fall Heir to a Very Handsome Fortune.

Kokomo, Ind., Dec. 7.—By the death of a bachelor brother the families of Marion Trabue and M. Simpson of this county, and Louisa Landon of Anna, Ills., became heir to $3,000,000.

The testator, Colonel W. H. Tribbitt, of Terry, Miss., disappeared from here when a boy. He changed his name from Trabue to Tribbitt, and was Colonel of a Mississippi regiment during the war. Death disclosed his identity.

His will provides that the estate be held in trust for 50 years, the interest going to educate all the children of school age during the 50-year period.

All are to be given college educations and another sum equal to the school expense to start them in life, his idea being to educate the beneficiaries before intrusting them with the money. There are 35 children here to get the immediate benefit.

Will Look Into Books.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—In the United States district court Judge Grosscup denied the motion of Charles A. Bates of New York for the appointment of a receiver for the General Electric Street Railway company. Judge Grosscup, however, ordered that the books of the corporation be brought into court. Judge Grosscup also said that any attempt on the part of the company to further dispose of bonds during the pendency of the litigation would no doubt bring about the immediate appointment of a receiver. The General Electric company has an underground electric franchise covering several south side streets.

Would Not Accept a Pension.

Vincennes, Ind., Dec. 7.—The Rev. T. J. Keith of this city has written a letter to the commissioner of pensions at Washington, absolutely refusing a pension from the government, and has made full restitution of all money received by him, amounting in the aggregate to $495.6. In returning the money to the government he says the pension allowed him was not well based.

Language Question Nearing Settlement.

Vienna, Dec. 7.—The Neue Freie Presse says the negotiations of the Austrian premier, Baron Von Gautsch von Frankenthurn, with the various parties, are progressing towards an arrangement on the language question. The young czechs, it appears, are willing to agree to a division of Bohemia into three language territories, czech, German and mixed.

Thieving Reported.

Mount Oreb, O., Dec. 7.—Four large hogs butchered at the home of Thomas Wilson and left hanging to cool were stolen. The houses of Elbert Haskins, Charles Canby, James Lemmon and Howard Williamson were also entered and relieved of a large quantity of provisions, clothing and jewelry and between $50 and $60 in money.

Chicago Attorneys Assign.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—A receiver was appointed for the firm of Andrews & Piper, atttorneys and real estate dealers. They were large holders of suburban property and promoters of the village of Berwyn. Liabilities, about $65,000; assets, $45,000.

Mining Company Organized.

Springfield, O., Dec. 7.—The Champion City Mining company was organized here with a capital stock of $20,000. Dr. L. E. Niles, Earl Thompson, Theodore Troupe and C. H. Pierce are at the head of the enterprise. Two Colorado gold mines will be worked.

Lodged In Ice.

Green Bay, Wis., Dec. 7.—The big schooner Lackawanna of Buffalo has been sighted 15 miles from Green Bay entrance, lodged in packed ice. It is believed from the position in which the steamer lies that she is in no immediate danger.

Alleged Train Robber Captured.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 7.—Harvey Martin, who is believed to be a member of the Jennings train robbing gang, was captured in the Creek country. There are standing rewards for the robbers aggregating $8,000.

Silver to Be Disposed Of.

Havana, Dec. 7.—The treasury has been authorized to dispose of, for the purposes it may deem best, 6,000,000 pesetas in silver which were deposited in the Spanish bank for the purpose of retiring bank bills.

Attacked by Fanatics.

Bucharest, Roumania, Dec. 7. — A fanatical mob, 20,000 strong, armed with iron bars and cudgels, attacked the Jewish quarters, pillaged the shops and destroyed windows and furniture.

Hanna Is Pleased.

Indianapolis Dec. 7.—Hugh H. Hanna, chairman of the executive committee of the money conference, expressed great satisfaction at the stand taken by the president.

Fatal Runaway Accident.

Unionopolis, O., Dec. 7. — A horse driven by Mrs. Oliver Finn ran away and collided with a fence, throwing the lady out of the buggy and breaking her neck.

Wants Time to Reflect.

Rome, Dec. 7.—King Humbert has intrusted to the Marquis di Rudini the task of constructing a new cabinet, and the marquis asks time to reflect.

Ice House Collapsed.

Moberly, Mo., Dec. 7.—While tearing down an icehouse it suddenly collapsed and four men were buried under its debris. Two of them may die.

Harvest Prospects Unfavorable.

Adelaide, South Australia, Dec. 7.—The harvest prospects of this colony are not favorable.

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Mrs. E. E. Rogers, for Holiday flowers. 39-12t

Legal Notice.

Peter H Madden, residing in Joplin, Mo., will take notice that on the third day of December 1897, Anna Burgess filed her petition in the Court of Common Pleas of Allen county, Ohio, in case No. [illegible], against the above named Peter H Madden, asking for judgment against him upon a promissory note for $160 00 with 10 per cent. compound interest figured with annual rests from April 1st, 1889. That on said third day of December, 1897 an order of attachment was issued from said court and said order was levied by the sheriff of said county upon an undivided 1 20 h interest of said Peter H Madden in the following described premises, subject to the life estate therein of Anna Jacobs, to-wit Situate in Auglaize township, Allen county, Ohio, and described as follows: Beginning at a stone on the south line of the east half of the northwest quarter of section twenty-eight (28), township four (4) south, range eight (8 east, five (5) chains east of the southwest corner of said east half, thence north one (1) chain to a stone; thence east four (4) chains to a stone; thence north twenty-five (25) chains to a stone; thence east thirty-one (31) chains to a stone on the east line of the west half of the northeast quarter of said section; thence south to the southeast corner of the west half of the north east quarter aforesaid; thence west to the place of beginning, containing eighty acres of land, more or less Said defendant is required to answer on or before the twenty-ninth day of January, 1898, or judgment may be taken against him.

ANNA BURGESS, Plaintiff.
By Richie & Richie, her attorneys. 12-7 6w

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Toledo is anxious to let her over supply of thugs go to her neighbors. This is the first instance on record of Toledo being willing to allow any of her industries to get away.

It is announced on good Republican authority that Hanna has organized a corps of secret service spies to watch the tracks of all Republican members of the legislature suspected of unfaithfulness to the interests of the big boss.

Republicans who last year pledged themselves to promote the policy of international bimetallism, are now demanding that the silver dollars be redeemed in gold. This is proof of the dishonesty of the G. O. P. party promises on the money question.

The report of the Secretary of State filed last week does not sustain the persistent claim of the prosperity of the people. The report shows that during the year ending Nov. 15, 135 articles of incorporation were filed, representing investments of $73,381,020, a decrease of $46,670,820 from the previous year. Fees collected were $67 494 61, a decrease of $51,714 51 compared with 1896. Expenses of office were $22,469.77 A falling off of capital enlisted in Ohio enterprises of $46,000,000 is regarded with consternation by those who have been fed during the year on the prosperity howl.

From a report made by first assistant postmaster general Heath it appears that women are employed in al branches of the postal service except as letter carriers, clerks in the railway mail service and postoffice inspectors, and there are some postoffices in the United States at which none but women are employed. The same salary is paid to them as to men for the same character of work, and they are not debarred by regulations from entering any branch of the service. There are 167 women in the postoffice department proper; there are 7,670 women postmasters and about 50,000 women who have qualified to assist in conducting the business of the department. The consensus of the report is that altogether the services of women have proven almost, if not equally, satisfactory with those of men. It is worth noting that the report has been called forth by a request of the German government for information as to the experience of the government with women employes.—*Bradstreets.*

The Independent Washington *Post* pays the indomitable Democracy this compliment. "This has been a Democratic year. The elections of 1897 have shown that the Democracy rebounds from the downfall of 1896, stronger and more confident and combative than ever. The question is whether the Republican party will prove to be its Hercules. For the present the Democracy exhibits quality of every heroism. It has courage, it has the genius of recovery and reconstruction, it knows not the meaning of dismay. Defeat leaves it without fear. Danger finds it without cowardice. It is a miracle of vitality, of valor and of hope."

Yes, the grand old party of the plain American people is not dead nor dying by a long, long ways. It has outlived many a mushroom organization. It has seen parties start up, bloom, blossom, bear their fruit and wither and die; but the party of the people lives on, ever young. It will never die so long as popular government lives among men.

Secretary of War Alger, who is himself one of the largest lumber dealers in Michigan, in an interview made a statement regarding the Dingley low tariff on lumber that will probably attract attention. He said: "I would advise that one change be made in the Dingley tariff law. That is in relation to the duty on white pine, which is imported from Canada. In the McKinley law of 1890 the duty was placed at $1 a thousand feet. That seemed to be an ample duty from both a protective and a revenue producing point of view. In the Dingley law the duty was made at $2 a thousand feet. This extra duty seems to me to be unnecessary. Most of the white pine used in the United States comes from Canada, and an immense quantity of it comes across the border. We have been afraid that the Canadian government might attempt a retaliatory measure and place an export duty on logs. This would be a hardship. As yet, however, the Canadians have not shown any disposition of a retaliatory sort." It is said that influential interests will, at the coming session of congress, endeavor to have the tariff on white pine changed to the rate of duty suggested by secretary Alger.

The report of the postmaster general shows the usual deficit in the postoffice department. The receipts from all sources for the year were $83,665,462 and the expenditures $94,077, 212. Thus nearly one half the deficit in the revenues of the government comes from our postal service. And not only was there a deficit of $11,500,000, but that shortage was $3,200,000 greater than that of the previous year. At the same time the British postoffice proper, not including the telegraph and and telephone systems, but the mail service only, brought a profit to the government of $22,237,850. In France the postal service paid a profit to the government of 46,500,000 francs, which is about $9,000,000. In Germany the profit was nearly 30,000,000 marks, or $7,500,000, and nearly every other country in Europe had a balance on the right side of the ledger. While it is true that the postal service in the United States is much more expensive to maintain because of the enormous area of our country, the long distances and the scattered population, the deficit might be very largely reduced if congress would abolish the franking privilege and forbid the transmission of dime novels and other bogus periodicals as second class matter. It is stated that 182,470 tons of such publications were sent through the mails last year. The revenues therefrom were only $3,106,581, or $17 a ton. At the same time it cost the government $160 a ton to carry this same matter from New York to Buffalo, which is about the most thickly settled and economical route in the entire country. And if it cost so much there, what must have been the expense of hauling cargoes of dime novels over the Rocky mountains and the prairies of the west?

The Nationalists Win.

Colon, Colombia, Dec. 7.—The Nationalists of Panama have scored a majority for the government in the first elections, thus gaining 15 probable votes for their nominee.

FROM LUNG TROUBLE

Mrs. Sylvia E. Ferguson Died After a Long Illness.

Funeral Will Be Conducted from Epworth Church, Thursday.

Mrs. Sylvia E. Ferguson, wife of O. Ferguson, of 834 east North street, died at 2:30 o'clock this morning from lung trouble, after an illness of ten months' duration.

The deceased was a daughter of William H. Boop, of east High street, and was 27 years of age. She leaves a husband and two little sons.

The funeral cortege will leave the residence at 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning, and the services will be conducted from Epworth Church, by Rev D R. Cook. The remains will be interred in the Lafayette cemetery.

IN HARD LUCK.

One of Hoover Bros.' Fine Horses Taken Sick at St. Marys.

At 8:15 yesterday evening a message was received over the long distance telephone from St. Marys to Hoover Bros., stating that one of their horses, by the name of Queen, was taken sick on its return trip from Celina, where they started Monday morning with a large load of fine carpets, steel range and furniture to the value of $265 to fit up a fine house. The outfit also included a fine set of Haviland decorated china dishes, a beautiful lamp and a brass and onyx stand. Hoover Bros. instructed their driver to consult a veterinary surgeon and to stay at St. Marys for the night.

MORE WHITECAPS.

Unsuccessful Attempt to Blow Up a Barber Shop With Dynamite.

Van Wert county is becoming famous for murderers and whitecappers. "Lee Wagner, a barber at Venedocia," says the Van Wert *Bulletin*, "is experiencing considerable trouble with parties who seem bent on driving him from that town. A short time ago the building he occupies was fired by incendiaries. Later he received a whitecap notice. Friday night a second attempt was made to blow him up. Two pounds of dynamite were placed beneath the building, but the fuse failed to explode the compound."

TO-MORROW AFTERNOON

The Funeral Services of Charles Overholtz Will Be Held.

The funeral services of Charles Overholtz, who died yesterday, from pneumonia, will be held from the residence at North and Cole streets at 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The services will be conducted by Rev. B J Thomson and the remains will be interred in Woodlawn cemetery.

What It Means.

When we advertise that we will guarantee Dr King's New Discovery, Electric Bitters, Bucklen's Arnica Salve or Dr. King's New Life Pills, it means that we are authorized by the proprietors to sell these medicines on a positive guarantee, that if purchaser is not satisfied with results we will refund the purchase price. These remedies have been sold on this guarantee for many years and there could be no more conclusive evidence of their great merit. Ask about them and give them a trial. Sold at H. F. Vortkamp's drug store, northeast corner Main and North streets.

The Finest

Handkerchiefs for the least money, at Mrs. F. Light's. 0-6t

For Coughs,

Colds and Lung Troubles take Rock Candy and Pure Rye Whiskey, at the California Wine Co. 10tf

Call New 'Phone

For the only place to store goods—the city storage house. All goods temized and stored separate.
13tf E. STICKNEY, Proprietor.

Household Goods and Pianos

Moved in the most careful manner. Storage of all kinds solicited by City Storage House. Call new 'phone.
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Upholstering neatly done by John Reuthe, 113 east North street.
27 tu th s 2w

Treat's Kid Glove stock is right. Every pair warranted. Buy now. 2 6t

Second Hand Pianos and Organs

For sale by C. W. Vogel, 109 east North street. 1-2t eod

Go to Bevinger & Cameron for 75c alarm clocks. 12 11

Vestry Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the vestry of Christ church this evening, at the rectory.

Osteopathy.

The new scientific treatment of diseases without medicine, at Doctor Ward's office, 316 north Pierce street. Consultation free. the tu-11-3m1

SULLIVAN BROTHERS

Are Building Large Bottling Works on the South Side.

Messrs. Jerry and Will Sullivan, proprietors of a saloon and restaurant on the south side, who recently secured the local agency for the Finley Brewing Co., of Toledo, are building large bottling works at the rear of their home on east Kibby street The plant will be extensive and modern in equipment, and when finished will represent no small enterprise.

THE BRICK WORK

For the New C., H. & D. Shops Was Started this Morning.

Yesterday afternoon the foundations for the new C., H. & D car shops were completed and this morning the masons began the laying of brick. The new shops will be immense affairs, and when completed that territory north of the present shops will represent an entirely different appearance. The contractors are pushing the work as fast as possible, and before New Year's the walls will be nearly ready for roofs.

Homeseekers' Excursion.

The Erie Lines will sell Dec. 7th and 21st round trip tickets to points in the southeast, southwest, west and northwest at very low rates Tickets will have a transit limit of fifteen days going, stopovers being allowed within excursion territory enroute, and will be continuous passage, returning with a final return limit of twenty one days from date of sale. Call on any Erie agent for full particulars and rates.
N. S MORRISON, Trav. Pass. Agt.
Huntington, Ind.
F. C. McCOY, Agt, Lima O.

For Pneumonia.

Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia the past month, with good results" H F. Vortkamp, n. e. cor. Main and North sts.

A Beautiful China Display.

D. M. Guleserian, direct from Armenia, has on display at E. E. Halter's, 211 north Main street, a beautiful line of oriental china. He would be pleased to have the public call and look over these beautiful foreign designs. 5 3t

We have the daintiest delft china ever brought to this city. Besides usual line we have complete fittings for ladies' desk in hand decorated Farenza ware.
DOWNARD & SON.

Blankets. We can give you the best value in all wool white, grey or red Blankets for $2 75 a pair.
TREAT'S,
2 6t 209 north Main.

A PRESENT

With Every Purchase at the

COLUMBIA SHOE STORE,

We give with every purchase of $2 50 and upwards a handsome present, consisting of Sebring's celebrated hand-painted Porcelain ware. Every present useful. With a $5.00 purchase a specially attractive present.

Get your presents this week.

Two Specials.

300 pairs Gents' Winter Tan Shoes, heavy double soles, a splendid wet weather shoe.

$2.50 Per Pair.

375 pairs Ladies' Fine Kid Cloth Top Shoes, A to E, best styles, worth $3.00, for

$2.25 Per Pair.

Ladies' XX Lamb's Wool Soles, 9 cts.

WE WARRANT OUR RUBBERS.

THE COLUMBIA,

Leading Shoe House in Lima.

One on the Men.

"Goodness! Amy, do you believe that men pass into animals after they die? This book says so"

"No, I don't. How could they? The most of them are perfect beasts already."—*Philadelphia Bulletin.*

Mother Almost Worn Out—Hands Colic Cure Gave Instant Relief.

BELL BROOK, O., March 25, '96.—Dr. Hand—"I received your sample bottle of Colic Cure and was never so glad in my life. My baby had the wind colic ever since she was born and I was almost worn out. I gave her a dose without my husband's knowledge and it gave her instant relief and she has not been the least trouble since I gave her the first dose. I would not be without it for anything. I will recommend your Colic Cure to every mother. Mrs J O. Wade." Sold by all druggists, 25c

A LOCAL DISEASE. A CLIMATIC AFFECTION.

CATARRH

Nothing but a local remedy or change of climate will cure it Get a well known pharmaceutical remedy.

Ely's Cream Balm

It is quickly absorbed Gives relief at once

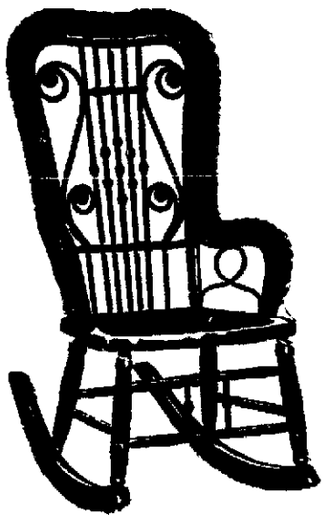
Opens and cleanses the Nasal Passages Allays Inflammation Heals and Protects the Membrane Restores the Sense of Taste and Smell No Cocaine No Mercury No Injurious drug Full size 50c Trial size at druggists or by mail

ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren St, New York

COLD IN HEAD

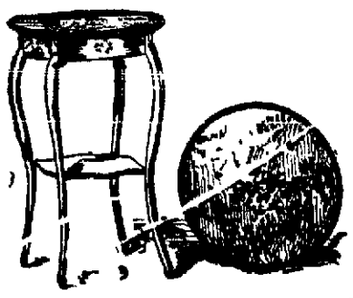
For Kidney Troubles

there is nothing better than Foley's Kidney Cure. Everyone who tries it will agree to this. H F. Vortkamp, n. e. cor Main and North sts.



For $2.88.

Your Choice of 10 Styles of FANCY REED ROCKERS, worth $5.00 each.



Solid Mahogany Tables, 3 sizes like cut,

$1.88, $2.68, $3.98.

These tables are worth regular, $3, $4 and $5. each.

Special Holiday Sale

—BEGINS—

To-morrow Morning, Dec 8, '97,

—AT—

F. E. HARMAN'S.

LOOK OUR FOR THE

GREATEST BARGAINS

—IN—

SIDE BOARDS,
CHINA CLOSETS,
DINING TABLES,
FANCY CHAIRS,

And Rockers, Couches, Bed Room Suits, Brass and Iron Beds, China Dinner Sets, Lamps, Rich Cut Glassware, Chafing Dishes, 5 O'clock Teas, &c., ever offered in Lima. Don't forget to come in and see us. We can please you.

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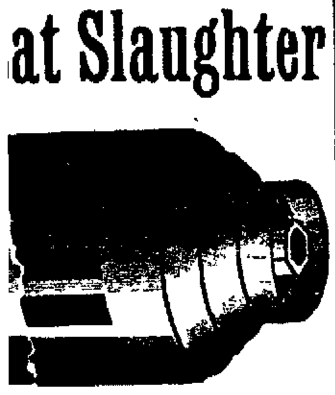

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WANTED.

TED—Kitchen girl at Bower's bakery, at once

RENT—One furnished room at 121 h Elizabeth street. 1t

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RENT—An 8 room house opposite the O. on Elizabeth street. Enquire of suber 5-3t

RENT—A modern 11 room house on et Market street at a very low price u JOHN H PHILLIPS.

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0 REWARD For any information leading to the arrest of any of the bo raided the Chicago Candy Kitchen in the Y. M. C. A building Monday 5 3t

RENT—H use of 8 rooms; all modern pr vements No 127 north McDonel Rent low Call on J. N. Hutchison, No. 23 Opera block. 4-3t

NTED—Furniture, stoves, men' clothing, watches and jewelry Bar n second hand g ods at 128 E Marke ATKINSON & HOFFMAN.

RENT—Seven room house—cottage—icely located at 764 west High street 13 per month. Call at B B Porter & music store, S. Main St. 12 21m

NTED—Men in or near Lima to act as private detectives under instructions ience unnecessary Address Univer lective Agency, Indianapolis, Ind. Nov. 11 3m

SALE—One very fine heavy English ay pants 30 waist, 30¼ inseam. Unfor. Made to sell at $5 50. Will sell at Also, one pants, heavy English black to se l at $5 50. Will sell at $3 00 30¼ 33 length. LIMA TAILORING CO., Under City Bank.

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SALE—One suit fine English Stripe, very latest thing in suiting, fine trim , 36¼ b east, made to sell at $22 Un for Will sell at $12. Great Bargain. me very heavy all-w ol English Stripe ers; very fine, 42 waist Uncalled for. to sell at $8; will sell at $5 50 LIMA TAILORING CO., Under the City Bank.

MR. HUGHES' IDEA.

Don't Want a Concrete Foundation for the South

MAIN STREET PAVEMENT.

The Solicitor Will Begin Condemnation Proceedings for the Opening of Findlay Street Across the Railroad.

The city council met in regular session last night with president McVey in the chair and the following members present: O'Brien, Harmon, Robbins, Warner, Koch, Stephens, Miller, Chapin, Standish, Hughes, Snyder and Morrison. The solicitor and street commissioner were also in attendance.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication signed by Harry Keller and Ed. Stroupe, requesting the council to prohibit the distribution in the city of a publication known as the Chicago *Mascot*, which they alleged was improper literature to be circulated.

Upon motion by Mr. Hughes the communication was referred to the solicitor.

South Main street property owners petitioned for the construction of the proposed sewer on Main and Eureka streets before that partion of Main street mentioned is paved.

TO LICENSE HUCKSTERS.

The following petition, signed by local grocers and other merchants, was read and upon motion was referred to the solicitor and purchasing committee:

"We respectfully petition your honorable body to assess a license on individuals known as hucksters.

"Our business in vegetables, meats, fruits, oysters, feed, etc, is being practically destroyed by persons who have no interests whatever in the affairs of the city, are at no expense in conducting their occupation, and travel from house to house selling articles of inferior quality at prices fully as high as they could be bought of legitimate dealers"

Attoney Howard Williamson appeared in behalf of the petitioners and addressed the council, advocating the passage of an ordinance providing for a license as petitioned for.

Mr. Chapin was of the opinion that all residents of the county had a right to sell their products in the city. He believed that to be the law.

The chair ruled that the license ordinance was not before the house for discussion, the matter having been temporarily disposed of by Mr. Hughes' motion.

SOUTH MAIN STREET PAVING.

Another petition requesting that south Main street, from Hog creek to the C. & E. right of way, be paved with brick, was read It was practically the same petition that was submitted a week ago with the words "with Hallwood block" omitted.

Mr. Hughes moved to grant the prayer of the petition.

Mr. Harmon thought they were rushing the matter too much. He wanted to know whether or not a majority of the frontage was represented on the petition.

The clerk stated that the petitioners represented 4,650 feet frontage and the engineer announced that that amount was a majority of the entire frontage.

Mr Hughes' motion to grant the prayer of the petition was carried.

By request the engineer read the

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A NEW DEPARTURE.

Erie's Tourist Sleeper to the Pacific Coast.

Commencing December 7th, and every Tuesday thereafter, a Pullman tourist sleeping car will be attached to the Erie's train No. 13, leaving Jersey City at 8 p. m, for the accommodation of passengers holding first or second class tickets to the Pacific coast and intermediate points via Chicago and the Santa Fe route. The following is a condensed schedule: Leave Lima 4.59 p. m., Wednesday, arrive Chicago 11:30 p. m., Wednesday; arrive Kansas City 2:15 p. m, Thursday; arrive Los Angeles 8:30 a. m, Sunday; arrive San Francisco 6:45 p. m., Sunday. Returning, tourist sleeper will leave San Francisco every Monday at 4:30 p m, and Chicago every Friday on Erie train No. 12 at 9:20 p m Charges for double berth from Lima will be $1 to Chicago, $1 50 to Kansas City, and $6 50 to Pacific coast points. An experienced tourist conductor will be in charge. Apply to Erie agents for further information. 1t

Hives are not dangerous to life, but they are a prolific breeder of misery and profanity. Doan's Ointment gives instant relief, even in the worst cases of this and other exasperating diseases of the skin.

Mrs. F. Light.

Now offering trimmed and untrimmed hats regardless of cost. 0 6t

Chas. Tucker Repairs

All kinds of watches and jewelry at Vortkamp's drug store. 23tf

Knights of St John Elect Officers

At their meeting last night the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Spiritual adviser, Rev. A. E. Manning; president, Jas. J. Weadock; first vice president, J. M. Madigan; second vice president, J. V. Dimond; recording and corresponding sec'y., Edward Gorman; Financial secretary, Dennis Finn; treasurer, A. C. Feltz, board of trustees, J. V. Dimond; John Kennedy, Frank Link, Jas. Werries and W. J. Shaffer: captain. John Kennedy: first lieut, John M. Bingham; second lieut., Frank Link.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Who They Are, Where They Have Been and Are Going.

W. L. Parmenter is in Toledo.

E. A. Martin is in Sidney to-day.

Jerry Bechtol is in Toledo to-day.

S. F. Miller, of Ada, is in the city.

S. S. Sherrick, of Elida, is in this city.

Judge Doyle, of Toledo, is in the city.

O. J. Feltz is in Toledo attending court.

R. Johnson went to Sidney this morning.

Sheriff-elect Bogart was in the city to-day.

D. J. Cable went to Cleveland this morning.

W. O. Huber went to Toledo this morning.

Mrs Lufkin left for Ft. Wayne last night.

W. W. Humphrey, of Jackson, is in the city.

Hon. Thos. E. Powell, of Columbus, is in the city.

Rev. Wm. Bolag is visiting at Jamestown, O.

W. O. Money is in Cincinnati today on business.

E. E. Wolf, of Mendon, is stopping at the Cambridge.

W. H. Mangus, of Bluffton, is registered at the Cambridge.

Senator-elect Brorein, of Buckland, was in the city last evening.

"Skid" Black, of North Baltimore, was in the city last evening.

F. O. Goss, of east North street, went to Van Wert to-day on business.

Miss Lucy O. Riley, of south Main street, is visiting friends in Tipton, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Welsh are visiting her sister, Mrs. B. Montague, of south West street.

William Hemmer, the traveling salesman for Deisel & Co., went to Hamilton this morning.

Miss Julia Doolin, of Sidney, is the guest of her brother, P. J. Doolin and family, of north Main street.

C. E Broadhead, of New York, is in the city looking after his interest in the Ohio Southern bond cases.

Mrs. Sampsell, of Delaware, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Roby, of west Spring street, left for Sandusky last evening.

Mr. J. H. Gray secretary of Cincinnati Life Association, returned home after spending yesterday with assistant superintendent Stonerock.

A GREAT SHOW.

The Murray Comedy Co. Opens to an Immense House.

A better pleased audience than that of last night seldom leaves a theatre. At eight o'clock the seats were sold out and standing room was at a premium. The Murray Comedy Co. made a hit and will undoubtedly do a big week's business. The specialties were numerous and all good, especially the one presented by the Ferguson brothers in the drum major and the "Yellow Kid." For thirty minutes these children kept the house in an uproar. They change their specialties each night. To-night "Mismated" will be presented. Numbers will be given away at each performance for the $25 in gold given away Saturday night.

What Hood's Sarsaparilla has done for others it will also do for you Hood's Sarsaparilla cures all blood diseases.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Church

will have a Christmas Sale, in the shape of a Household Fair, on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, December 8th, in the basement of the church. 3 3t

Jackets. Every Jacket in our house can now be bought at reduced prices. See our black jacket at $4 75.

TREAT'S,
2 6t 209 north Main.

Cured in One Night.

Charles H. Connelle, Esq., leading lawyer of York, Pa., says: "Your Brazilian Balm cured me of one of the worst colds I ever experienced, in one night. I think it the greatest medicine in the market, and you can use my name any way you like.

THE CROPS

Of Ohio Might be in a Better Condition.

BADLY HURT BY DROUTH

The Wheat Crop for 1898 Does Not Promise Much—The Average Production of 1897—Hessian Fly Doing Damage.

A dispatch from Columbus says: Assistant secretary Fleming, of the State Board of Agriculture, gave out the following statement of the crop conditions and products of the state, based upon information received on the first of the month. It says:

On November 1 the severe drought that had prevailed for many weeks was broken, and during the early part of the month the weather conditions were favorable to the gemination and growth of wheat, and the result is an estimated improvement of 12 points as compared with the estimate made on November 1, for the month of October. While some improvement is shown, the condition of wheat at this time is still 37 points below a fair average condition and will not go into winter in a sufficiently vigorous condition to withstand freezing and thawing. A favorable winter, with considerable snow protection, is required to protect and advance the plant toward anything like a fair average prospect.

This is the first report of the year estimating the corn crop in bushels. While many counties show a fair average production, there are also many that show from a poor to a medium product. This uneven distribution of the crop is in a great measure due to the season. The crop was late in being planted and the condition of the soil during the planting season was not good and considerable had to be replanted. Taking the state as a whole, there is, however, a fairly good crop of corn, compared with a series of years. It is estimated to beabout 27,000,000 bushels short of the crop of 1897, but that crop was an extraordinary large one. It is only about 4,000 000 bushels less than the crop of 1895. The production of corn the present year exceeds the average product for a number of years previous to 1895 As to quality, it is not all prime; considerable is rated as unmerchantable.

The estimated yield of clover seed and of potatoes is practically the same as reported last month, potatoes being only about a half crop and clover seed an unusually large yield.

The following estimates represent condition or prospect of crops, as reported to the department by its regular corps of township correspondents, reports being received Dec. 1st, and covering every county and nearly every township in the State:

Wheat—Condition compared with an average, 63 per cent.

Wheat—Crop of 1897, sold since threshing, 45 per cent.

Wheat—Damage to growing crop by Hessian fly, 2 per cent.

Corn—Estimated area for 1897, 2,750,039 acres.

Corn—Average yield per acre, 33 67 bushels.

Corn—Total estimated product for 1897, 92 605,123 bushels

Corn—Cut up for fodder, 84 per cent.

Corn—Put into silo, 1 per cent.

Corn—Average date of cutting for fodder, September 19.

Corn—Average date of cribbing, October 19.

Clover Seed—Probable total yield, compared with an average, 111 per cent.

Apples—Probable total yield, compared with an average, 21 per cent

Potatoes—Average yield per acre, 43 bushels.

Tobacco—Estimated product per acre, 741 pounds.

Cattle—Fed for spring market, compared with last year, 82 per cent.

Sheep—Fed for mutton, compared with last year, 75 per cent.

Feist & Harper for Coal. 8-7t

A WORD WITH YOU.

It is worth your while to give your attention to some reasons why you should buy your

FURNITURE.

From us. We have the most complete House Furnishing establishment in Lima. You will always get your money's worth at

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The best and cheapest lot of Couches in the city $7.00 and up.

Beautiful line of Extension Tables at $8.00 and up.

Sideboards! Sideboards!

Come in and see our new line. We have them from $9.00 and up.

Rockers! Rockers!

Of all kinds and finishes. The largest stock in the city to select from.

We have a beautiful line of White Enameled Iron Beds from the cheapest to the finest.

We know that the only way we can lead in business is by leading in low prices; so we make prices to suit the purse, style to please the eye, quality beyond comparison.

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A Ticket with each 50c. 204 N. Main.

MONEY TO LOAN.

We have a large sum of money to loan on city property and improved farm lands at the VERY LOWEST RATE OF INTEREST with the privilege of paying part or all at any interest paying day. Persons wishing CHEAP MONEY and on SHORT NOTICE will find it will be to their interest to call on

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Room No. 2 and 3. Holmes Bloc

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LIMA ICE AND COAL CO.

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JACKSON COAL.

'Phones 164 or 451.

Notice of Appointment.

The undersigned has been appointed and qualified as assignee in trust for the benefit of the creditors of James W Sanders, of Allen county, Ohio. All persons having claims against said estate will present them to the undersigned assignee

W. T. COPELAND, Assignee.

December 3d, 1897.
Copeland & Rogers, attorneys. 12-3 3w

LADIES' WATERPROOF SHOES!

Our Ladies' Shoes

Introduced by us last season, which keep the feet dry and warm without the use of rubbers, have proved a success. We want to sell them to every one requiring absolutely dry feet, and they will prove healthful as well.

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All sizes, and widths. Just the shoe you want to protect your feet. One pair will convince you. They cost $3.00 and $3.50. See them at

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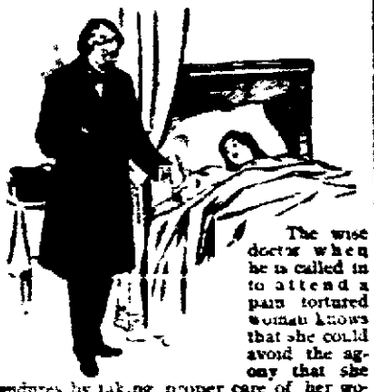

The wise doctor when he is called in to attend a pain tortured woman knows that she could avoid the agony that she endures by taking proper care of her womanly self. No woman can long retain her general health who neglects the health of the organs that constitute her womanhood. She may suffer only locally for a time. Eventually the nerves are ruined by the constant wear and tear of pain. They cease to impart the necessary nervous activity to the various organs of the body. A general and serious break down follows.

A wonderful medicine for weak, nervous women who through local troubles are threatened with a general break-down is Dr Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It acts directly on the delicate organs that are distinctly feminine. It restores them to vigor and health. It allays inflammation and soothes pain. It gives the tortured nerves a rest and permits them to resume their natural function of directing a healthy activity of all the organs. It prepares a woman for wifehood and motherhood. It makes baby's advent easy and almost painless and insures the child's health. It is the best woman's medicine and more than 90 000 women have said so over their signatures. Druggists sell it.

"I cannot say too much for Dr Pierce's Favorite Prescription," writes Miss Clara Baird, of Bridgeport, Montgomery Co., Pa. "I feel it my duty to say to all women who may be suffering from any weakness or disease of the distinctly feminine organism that it is the best medicine on earth for them to use. I cannot praise it too highly for the good it did me. If any one doubts this give them my name and address."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are a sure, safe, speedy and permanent cure for constipation. They never gripe. One is a gentle laxative, and two a mild cathartic.

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F. C. CORRECT SHAPES. ARTISTIC EFFECTS.

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For sale by James O'Connor, dealer in all kinds of Furniture and Bicycles 409-411 North Main Street Lima Ohio.

PILES Dr Williams Indian Pile Ointment will cure Blind, Bleeding and Itching Piles. It absorbs the tumors, allays the itching at once, acts as a poultice gives instant relief. Dr Williams Indian Pile Ointment is prepared for Piles and Itching of the private parts. Every box is warranted. By druggists by mail on receipt of price 50 cents and $1.00. WILLIAMS MANUFACTURING CO., Props. Cleveland, Ohio. Sold by H F Vortkamp, n e corner Main and North Streets.

MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

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A subject of large importance to our country and increasing application on the [illegible] the construction of the great highway of trade between the Atlantic and Pacific known as the Nicaraguan canal. Its utility and value to American commerce is universally admitted.

In the future I shall take occasion to transmit to congress the report of this commission, making at the same time such further suggestions as may then seem advisable.

RESPECTING BIMETALLISM

Under the provisions of the act of congress approved March 3, 1897, for the promotion of an international agreement respecting bimetallism, I appointed on the 14th day of April, 1897, Hon Edward O Wolcott, of Colorado, Hon Adlaie E Stevenson, of Illinois, and Hon James J Paine of Mississippi, as special envoys to represent the United States. They have been diligent in their efforts to secure the concurrence and co-operation of European countries in the international settlement of the question, but up to this time have not been able to secure an agreement contemplated by their mission.

The gratifying action of our great sister republic of France in joining this country in the attempt to bring about an agreement among the principal commercial nations of Europe whereby a fixed and relative value between gold and silver shall be secured, furnished assurance that we are not alone among the larger nations of the world in realizing the international character of the problem and in the desire of reaching some wise and practical solution of it.

The British government has published a resume of the steps taken jointly by the French ambassador in London and the special envoys of the United States with whom our ambassador at London actively co-operated in the presentation of this subject to her majesty's government. This will be laid before congress. Our special envoys have not made their final report, as further negotiations between the representatives of this government and the governments of other countries are pending and in contemplation.

Meanwhile it gives me satisfaction to state that the special envoys have already demonstrated their ability and fitness to deal with the subject, and it is to be earnestly hoped that their labors may result in an international agreement which will bring about recognition of both gold and silver as money upon such terms and with such safeguards as will secure the use of both metals upon a basis which shall work no injustice to any class of our citizens.

TO ENCOURAGE MERCHANT MARINE

Most desirable from every standpoint of national interest and patriotism is the effort to extend our foreign commerce. To this end our merchant marine should be improved and enlarged. We should do our full share of the carrying trade of the world. We do not do it now. We should be the laggard no longer. The inferiority of our merchant marine is justly humiliating to the national pride. The government by every proper constitutional means should aid in making our ships familiar visitors at every commercial port of the world, thus opening up new and valuable markets to the surplus products of the farm and factory.

The efforts which have been made during the two previous years by my predecessor to secure better protection to our fur seals in the north Pacific ocean and Bering sea, were renewed at an early date by this administration and have been pursued with earnestness. Upon my invitation the governments of Japan and Russia sent delegates to Washington and an international conference was held during the months of October and November last, wherein it was unanimously agreed that under the existing regulations this species of useful animals was threatened with extinction and that an international agreement of all the interested powers was necessary for their adequate protection.

The government of Great Britain did not see proper to be represented at this conference, but subsequently sent to Washington delegates.

The result of this conference was an agreement on important facts connected with the condition of the seal herd, heretofore in dispute, which should place beyond controversy the duty of the governments concerned to adopt measures without delay for the preservation and restoration of the herd. Negotiations to this end are now in progress, the result of which I hope to be able to report to congress at an early day.

WILL PUSH ARBITRATION

International arbitration cannot be omitted from the list of subjects claiming our consideration. Events have only served to strengthen the general views on this question expressed in my inaugural address.

Treaties embodying these humane principles on broad lines without in any way imperiling our interests or our honor shall have my constant encouragement.

The acceptance by this government of the invitation of the republic of France to participate in the Universal exposition of 1900 at Paris was immediately followed by the appointment of a special commissioner to represent the United States in the proposed exposition, with special reference to the securing of space for an adequate exhibit on behalf of the United states.

The special commissioner delayed his departure for Paris long enough to ascertain the probable demand for space by American exhibitors. His inquiries developed an almost unprecedented interest in the proposed exposition.

The report of the special commissioner as to the magnitude and importance of the coming exposition and the great demand for space by American exhibitors supplies new arguments for a liberal and judicious appropriation by congress to the end that an exhibit fairly representative of the industries and resources of our country may be made in an exposition which will illustrate the world's progress during the 19th century.

NEEDS OF THE NAVY

The present immediately effective force of the navy consists of four battle-ships of the first class, two of the second and 48 other vessels ranging from armored cruisers to torpedo boats. There are under construction five battleships of the first class, [illegible] boats and one sub marine boat.

No provision has yet been made for the armor for three of the five battleships as it has been impossible to obtain it at the price fixed by congress. It is of great importance that congress provide this armor, as until then the ships are of no fighting value.

The present naval force especially in view of its increase by the ships now under construction, while not as large as that of a few other powers, is a formidable force and careful attention to keeping it in a high state of efficiency and repair. It is well adapted to the necessities of the country.

The time has now arrived however, when this increase to which the country is committed should, for a time, take the form of increased facilities commensurate with the increase of our naval vessels. It is an unfortunate fact that there is only one dock on the Pacific coast, capable of docking our largest ships and only one on the Atlantic coast, and that the latter has for the last six or seven months been under repair and therefore incapable of use.

Immediate steps should be taken to provide these [illegible] docks.

LAWS FOR ALASKA

The territory of Alaska requires the prompt and [illegible] of congress. The condition [illegible] demand material changes in the laws relating to the territory. The great influx of population during the past year and the prospect of a still larger immigration in the spring will no longer permit us to neglect the extension of civil authority within the territory or permit the existing [illegible] to remain.

A general system of public surveys has not yet been extended to Alaska and all entries thus far made in that district are upon special surveys. The act of congress extending to Alaska the mining laws of the United States contained the reservation that it should not be construed to put in force the general land laws of the country.

By act approved March 3, 1891, authority was given for entry of lands for town site purposes and also for the purchase of not exceeding 160 acres then or thereafter occupied for purposes of trade and manufacture.

The purpose of congress as thus far expressed has been that only such rights should apply to that territory as should be specifically named.

It will be seen how much remains to be done for that vast and remote and yet promising portion of our country.

Special authority was given to the president by the act of congress approved July 24, 1897, to divide that territory into two land districts and to designate the boundaries thereof and to appoint registrars and surveyors of said land offices, and the president was also authorized to appoint a surveyor general for the entire district. Pursuant to this authority a surveyor general and receiver have been appointed, with offices at Sitka.

If in the ensuing year the conditions justify it, the additional land district authorized by law will be established, with an office at some point in the Yukon valley. No appropriation, however, was made for this purpose.

I concur with the secretary of war in his suggestion as to the necessity for a military force in the territory of Alaska for the protection of persons and property.

I earnestly urge upon congress the establishment of a system of government with such flexibility as will enable it to adjust itself to the future areas of greatest population.

AID FOR STARVING MINERS

The startling though possibly exaggerated reports from the Yukon river country of the probable shortage of food for the large number of people who are wintering there without the means of leaving the country are confirmed in such measures as to justify bringing the matter to the attention of congress.

However, should these reports of the suffering of our fellow citizens be further verified every effort at any cost should be made to carry them relief.

ABOUT THE INDIANS

For a number of years past it has been apparent that the conditions under which the five civilized tribes were established in the Indian territory under treaty provisions with the United States, with the right of self government and the exclusion of all white persons from within their borders, have undergone so complete a change as to render the continuance of the system thus inaugurated practically impossible.

The total number of the five civilized tribes, as shown by the last census, is 45,494, and this number has not materially increased, while the white population is estimated at from 200 000 to 250,000, which by permission of the Indian government has settled in the territory.

The present area of the Indian territory contains 25,694,564 acres, much of which is very fertile land.

The United States citizens residing in the territory, most of whom have gone there by invitation or with the consent of the tribal authorities, have made permanent homes for themselves.

Valuable residences and business houses have been erected in many of them. Large business enterprises are carried on in which vast sums of money are employed, and yet these people who have invested their capital in the development of the productive resources of the country, are without title to the land they occupy and have no voice whatever in the government, either of the nations or tribes.

The secretary of the interior reports that leading Indians have absorbed great tracts of land to the exclusion of the common people, and government by an Indian aristocracy has been practically established, to the detriment of the people.

It has been found impossible for the United States to keep its citizens out of the territory and the executory conditions contained in the treaties with these nations have for the most part become impossible for execution.

Should the agreement between the Choctaws and Chickasaws be ratified by congress and should the other tribes fail to make an agreement with the commission, then it will be necessary that some legislation shall be had by congress, which, while just and honorable to the Indians, shall be equitable to the white people who have settled upon these lands by invitation of the tribal nations.

I concur with the secretary of the interior that there can be no cure for the evils engendered by the perversion of these great trusts excepting by their resumption by the government which created them.

YELLOW FEVER SCOURGE

The recent prevalence of yellow fever in a number of cities and towns throughout the south has resulted in much disturbance of commerce and demonstrated the necessity of such amendment to our quarantine laws as will make the regulations of the national quarantine authorities paramount.

The secretary of the treasury in the portion of his report relating to the operation of the marine hospital service calls attention to the defects in the present quarantine laws and recommends amendments thereto which will give the treasury department the requisite authority to prevent the invasion of epidemic diseases from foreign countries and in times of emergency like that of the past summer will add to the efficiency of the sanitary measures for the protection of the people and at the same time prevent unnecessary restriction of commerce. I concur in his recommendation.

In further effort to prevent the invasion of the United States by yellow fever the importance of the discovery of the exact cause of the disease which up to the present time has been undetermined, is obvious, and to this end a systematic bacteriological investigation should be made. I [illegible] authorize the appointment of a commission by the president to consist of four expert bacteriologists, one to be selected from the medical officers of the marine hospital service, one to be appointed from civil life, one to be detailed from the medical officers of the army and one from the medical officers of the navy.

THE UNION PACIFIC

The Union Pacific railway main line, was sold under the decree of the United States court for the district of Nebraska on the 1st and 2d of November of this year.

The amount due the government consisted of the principal of the subsidy bonds $27 236 512 and the accrued interest thereon, $31 211 711 75, making the total indebtedness $58 448,223 75. The bid at the sale covered the first mortgage lien and the entire mortgage claim of the government principal and interest.

The sale of the subsidized portion of the Kansas Pacific line, upon which the government holds a second mortgage lien, has been postponed at the instance of the government to Dec. 16, 1897.

The debt of this division of the Union Pacific railway to the government on Nov. 1, 1897, was the principal of the subsidy bonds $6,303,000 and the unpaid and accrued interest thereon $6,303,000 33, making a total of $12,606,000 33.

The sale of this road was originally advertised for Nov. 1 but for the purpose of securing the ultimate public notice of the event it was postponed until Dec. 16, and a second advertisement of the sale was made.

By the decree of the court the upset price on the sale of the Kansas Pacific will yield to the government the sum of $2,500,000 over all prior liens, costs and charges.

If no other or better bid is made this sum is all that the government will receive on its claim of nearly $13,000,000.

The government has no information as to whether there will be other bidders or a better bid than the minimum amount herein stated.

The question presented therefore is whether the government shall, under the authority given it by the act of March 3, 1887, purchase or redeem the road in the event that a bid is not made by private parties covering the entire government claim.

To qualify the government to bid at the sales will require a deposit of $900,000.

I believe that under the act of 1887 it has the authority to do this and in absence of any action by congress I shall direct the secretary of the treasury to make the necessary deposit as required by the courts' decree to qualify as a bidder and to bid at the sale a sum which will at least equal the principal of the debt due the government, but suggest in order to remove all controversy that an amendment of the law be immediately passed explicitly giving such powers and appropriating in general terms whatever sum is sufficient therefor.

POSSIBLE OWNERSHIP.

In so important a matter as the government becoming the possible owner of railroad property which it perforce must conduct and operate, I feel constrained to lay before congress these facts for its consideration and action before the consumation of the sale.

It is clear to my mind that the government should not permit the property to be sold at a price which will yield less than one-half of the principal of its debt and less than one fifth of its entire debt, principal and interest.

But whether the government, rather than accept less than its claim, should become a bidder and thereby the owner of the property, I submit to the congress for action.

The important branch of our government known as the civil service, the practical improvement of which has long been a subject of earnest discussion, has of late years received increased legislative and executive approval. During the past few months the service has been placed upon a still firmer basis of business methods and personal merit.

REINSTATEMENT OF SOLDIERS.

While the right of our veteran soldiers to reinstatement in deserving cases has been asserted, dismissals for merely political reasons have been carefully guarded against, the examinations for admittance to the service enlarged and at the same time rendered less technical and more practical, and a distinct advance has been made by giving hearing before dismissal upon all cases where incompetency is charged or demand made for the removal of officials in any of the departments.

This order has been made to give to the accused his right to be heard, but without in any way impairing the power of removal, which should always be exercised in cases of inefficiency and incompetency and which is one of the vital safeguards of the civil service reform system, preventing stagnation and deadwood and keeping every employe keenly alive to the fact that the security of his tenure depends not on favor, but on his own tested and carefully watched record of service.

Much of course still remains to be accomplished before the system can be made reasonably perfect for our needs. There are places now in the classified service which ought to be exempted and others not classified may properly be included.

I shall not hesitate to exempt cases which I think have been improperly included in the classified service or include those which in my judgment will best promote the public service.

The system has the approval of the people and it will be my endeavor to uphold and extend it.

OMIT SOME TOPICS

I am forced by the length of this message to omit many important references to affairs of the government with which congress will have to deal at the present session. They are fully discussed in the departmental reports to all of which I invite your earnest attention.

The estimates of the expenses of the government by the several departments will, I am sure, have your careful scrutiny. While the congress may not find it an easy task to reduce the expenses of the government, it should not encourage their increase.

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VIEWS FROM ABROAD.

Royalists Comment on President's Message.

LOME LIKE IT, SOME DO NOT.

One London Newspaper Argues That the Reference to General Weyler's Policy Will Make That Warrior Popular.

London, Dec. 7.—The Daily Telegraph, commenting editorially on President McKinley's message, says:

"It used to be America's proud boast that she had no foreign policy. Judging from President McKinley's message, the new world is no more free from the burdens of diplomatic negotiations than the old.

"In a document of portentous length, mostly intended for Spanish consumption, President McKinley has devised a specious pretext for gaining time. It contains passages that will certainly wound Spain's national susceptibilities.

"The whole tone, though meant to be conciliatory, savors too much of the magistrate availing himself of the first offender's act to be very acceptable at Madrid. Spain may not be so thick-skinned as to enjoy these delicate usages of America's diplomatic courtesy.

"There are serious dangers of revolution in Spain, and the indiscreet adjectives President McKinley applies to General Weyler's policy will not lessen the latter's popularity. Much depends upon the attitude of congress.

"If, as our correspondent thinks, the jingoes acquiesce in the decision of the executive and give the Spaniards a chance all may be well, but the recent experience does not make us oversanguine."

The Daily News says it is "very satisfactory that President McKinley comes out so strong against the jingoes."

Resignation of Italian Cabinet.

Rome, Dec. 7.—The resignation of the cabinet followed the resignation of the minister of war, General Pelliux, which was brought about, according to report, in consequence of the action of the chamber of deputies in amending the bill dealing with army promotions, which was opposed by the minister for war.

Famous Building Burned.

New Orleans, Dec. 7.—The Olympic theater, formerly the famous Olympic Athletic club, where the Corbett-Sullivan and other notable contests occurred some years ago, was destroyed by fire, together with nine other buildings. The loss is estimated at $70,000.

Won by an Chican.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Rolla Heikes of Dayton, O., challenger, defeated Charles Grimm of Clear Lake, Ia., for the Cast Iron medal by a score of 91 to 87. The race was shot at Watson's park and attracted a notable crowd of local and out-of-town cracks.

Order For Release on Bail.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7.—Attorneys for Eugene Moore, embezzling state auditor, sentenced last Tuesday to eight years in the penitentiary, secured from the supreme court an order for his release on $25,000 bail pending arguments for a new trial.

The Shock Killed Him.

Chicago, Dec. 7. — Rev. Dr. John Rouse, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, died from shock attending an operation for appendicitis. He was but 35 years of age and one of the most prominent of the younger clergymen in Chicago.

Consolidation of Wire Industries.

New York, Dec. 7.—A member of the firm of J. Pierpont Morgan & Company admitted the truth of the report regarding the consolidation of the wire industry throughout the country. He stated that the details had not yet been perfected.

Balance on the Right Side.

Budapest, Dec. 7.—The minister of finance, Dr. Lukacs, in the lower house of the Hungarian diet, submitted the budget, which showed a surplus of 75,721 florins over the expenditures, which amounted to 498,249,570 florins.

Chicago to Be Gerrymandered.

Chicago, Dec. 7. — The Democratic majority in the city council passed a resolution providing for the redistricting of the city wards of Chicago. The Republicans made a hard fight to defeat the resolution, but were unsuccessful.

Just Like a Spaniard.

City of Mexico, Dec. 7.—Mexican public opinion regarding President McKinley's utterances on the Cuban question is that they will greatly strengthen the Sagasta government and enable it to win friends in Spain for its reforms.

Silver Men Object.

Washington, Dec. 7. — Expressions from members of congress show that the silver element would not support the suggestion in the president's message that greenbacks redeemed in gold be paid out only for that kind of money.

Lost One Foot.

Upper Sandusky, O., Dec. 7.—Eugene Slyna of Tiffin, while attempting to board a train at Carey, fell and lost a foot.

A Defaulter Sentenced.

Bellefontaine, O., Dec. 7.—Ingle W. Rush, the defaulting Stokes township treasurer, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

Suicided by Shooting.

Ostrander, O., Dec. 7.—Joseph Carr suicided by shooting. His wife and two daughters reside at Dunkirk, N.Y.

AGREEABLE SURPRISE.

Mother McKinley Rallies and Recognizes Those About Her.

Canton, O., Dec. 7.—There was an agreeable surprise to the children and friends gathered about the bedside of Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley. She regained consciousness sufficiently to recognize not only her children, but to extend greeting to them, to her aged sister, Mrs. Osborne, Charles Miller and to others who were near.

Nourishment was given her about noon. It was soon after this that she manifested signs of returning consciousness. The first nourishment received for several days had a telling effect and she at once rallied. There is again stronger hope that she may recover sufficiently to survive until the president reaches her bedside and perhaps to recognize him. It is not thought, however, that she will ever regain complete consciousness.

When the attending physician left Mrs. McKinley in the evening it was with a feeling that she would survive the night, and possibly longer. She had taken no nourishment since early in the afternoon and was not in quite as good condition as when she seemed to recognize those about her.

At 10:30 p. m. Mrs. McKinley was exceedingly low. She experienced one of the sinking spells, during which life seemed to be almost extinct. There were moments when she did not seem to breathe. Her pulse was weak and uncertain, more so than at any other time, and her breathing was difficult.

The physician, when he last called, reported that she had weakened perceptibly. He had not despaired that she would survive the night, but he could not feel confident of it.

MURDERED BY MOONSHINERS.

Prominent Farmer of Arkansas Murdered by Unknown Persons.

Little Rock, Dec. 7.—Albert Giles, a prominent farmer living in the west end of Van Buren county, was assassinated while passing along the public road. The murder is believed to have been the work of moonshiners.

The scene of the tragedy is but a short distance from the place where Captain Taylor and his posse were murdered last August.

Giles had been very active in an effort to rid the community of moonshiners, and had thus incurred their enmity.

The Regulation of Vice.

London, Dec. 7.—It has developed that Miss Butler wrote to Miss Frances E. Willard last week resigning the superintendency of the Purity branch of the Woman's Christian Temeprance union unless the latter, as president of the World's Christian Temperance union, unequivocally pronounced against the six propositions of the vice president, Lady Henry Somerset, sent to Lord George Hamilton, secretary of state for India, in April last, relative to the Indian army, which Miss Butler describes as being an "extreme form of the regulation of vice."

Has Received No Advice.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Mr. Leger, the minister of Haiti to the United States, when asked concerning the statement that Haiti had agreed to pay the indemnity asked in the case of Lueders, said he had received no advices of any change in the position taken by his government, namely, that it stood ready to pay cheerfully any proper indemnity provided it had the opportunity to demonstrate whether this indemnity was properly collectible.

No Signs of Filibustering.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 7. — The schooner Silver Heels, which achieved notoriety by slipping out of New York harbor Oct. 17 with a cargo of war material, as alleged, for the Cuban insurgents, arrived here and is anchored in the river. She was boarded and searched by customs officers, but nothing was found to indicate that she is on other than a peaceful mission.

Sensation to Be Sprung.

Paris, Dec. 7.—La Patrie says that the inquiry being made into the charges against Count Esterhazy will include an investigation of an attempted corruption of government officials in efforts to induce them to assist Alfred Dreyfus, the condemned former officer of artillery, to escape at the moment he was being embarked for French Guiana.

Left For Canton.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President McKinley left Washington at 7:20 p. m. to return to the bedside of his mother at Canton. With him were Mrs. Abner McKinley, Miss Mabel McKinley, Miss Barber, Abner McKinley, A. J. Duncan, two maids and the steward of the White House.

Liquor Is Barred Out.

Washington, Dec. 7. — The senate committee on rules instructed the sergeant-at-arms of the senate to enforce the rules of the senate prohibiting the sale of liquor in the senate wing of the Capitol. There was no liquor on sale in the senate restaurant during the day.

Opened the Bazaar.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—The United States ambassador, Andrew D. White, opened the American church bazaar. The empress of Germany forwarded some valuable gifts, and the ex-empress sent a lady in waiting to make purchases.

There is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over ¼ as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cts. and 25 cts. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

Mr George W. Hervey, the Editor o

BRYAN'S PAPER the Weekly World Herald, of Omaha, has been restored to health after years of suffering, during which time the three best physicians of the state failed to help him. He had indigestion so bad that he could never eat more than two meals a day, and was obliged to carry morphine with him to relieve paroxysms of pain. In one attack he lost 8 lbs in 3 days. Three packages of Dr. Kay's Renovator cured him. For lack of space we can give only short extracts from his letter, but we urge all to send for full report of this case and many others who had failed to get help from physicians or any medicine until they took Dr. Kay's Renovator. Mr Hervey wrote: "I consulted three of the best physicians in the state but they failed to give me relief. My stomach was sore and sensitive. I was induced to try

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and it is eight months since I commenced its use and I now have no symptoms whatever of my old trouble. I have recommended it to many of my friends for stomach trouble and I think all have reported relief." Dr. Kay's Renovator has cured so many of the worst cases that we consider it a certain cure for all cases of dyspepsia, constipation, liver and kidney diseases, and all nervous and blood diseases, headache, biliousness, etc. AT THIS TIME OF YEAR it should be taken by everyone to renovate and invigorate the whole system and to purify and enrich the blood, giving to the whole body **NEW LIFE** and vigor. It is easy and pleasant to take. Tone up our whole system for the spring work. Sold by druggists or sent by mail for 25 cts. and $1. BOOKLET treating all diseases and special booklet on Female Diseases, ALL FREE. Address Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Western Office, Omaha, Neb.

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Respectfully yours.
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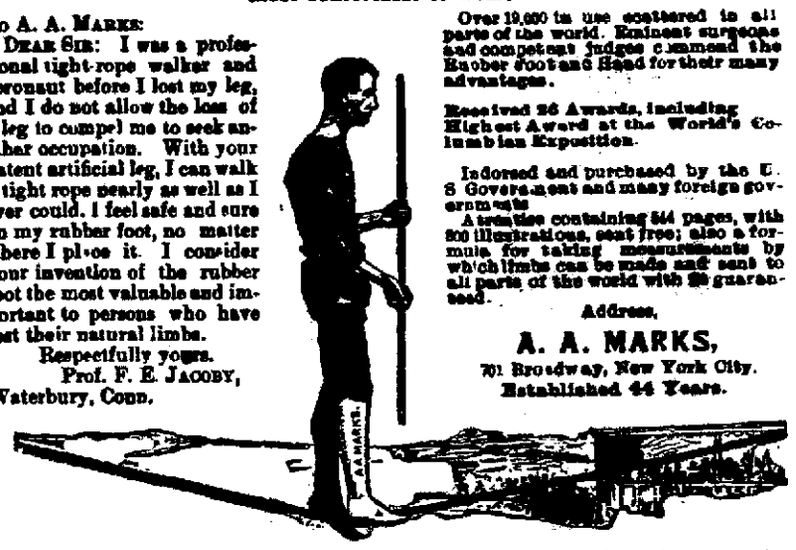

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NOTE.—The above cut was made from a photograph of Prof. Jacoby while performing on a tight rope. He is balancing entirely on his artificial leg, his natural foot is off the rope and is in the act of passing forward to take the next step.

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Modified Features of the New Interchangeable Mileage Ticket.

Mr. E. A. Ford, general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania and Vandalia Lines, sends out the following information regarding the modified features of the Central Passenger Association's interchangeable one thousand mile ticket:

The most important modifications are in the rule as to signing the mileage strip and issuing the exchange ticket. Under the new rule the owner of an interchangeable mileage ticket may, at his convenience and leisure, sign his name upon the back of the widest part of the mileage strip close to the last preceding detachment, (*but it must be signed with an indelible pencil, or with ink—or it will not be honored*), and can leave his ticket thus signed with the Agent upon his arrival at a station, or send it to him by a messenger or by the hotel porter or in some other way, and upon his return to the station find his exchange ticket ready and his baggage checked; provided he has made such an advance arrangement. Therefore there need be no more delay at the station or on the train in the use of the new than there was in using the old form of mileage ticket, which latter form was good only over one system of roads, while the "interchangeable" is good over forty.

The old form of exchange ticket is valid for continuous passage only on a certain train and date, while the new and modified form will be good on any train (except the "Limited") on either the date of issue or the day following. This new form has been simplified to render it easy of issue and to better accommodate travelers, and the hindrances which accompanied the old form will therefore be, in the early future, entirely obliterated.

Interline tickets from points on one Railway to points on another, via through car lines and via junctions where connections are close and there are no transfers, are being prepared as fast as possible. These tickets will be issued in exchange for coupons from the interchangeable mileage ticket, and baggage will be checked through—a convenience which could not be enjoyed by the use of the old form of mileage ticket.

The modifications above alluded to have been approved by the Mileage Ticket Bureau of the Central Passenger Association, and will be in effect on or before December 1st, or just as soon as the new forms of exchange and interline tickets can be printed and distributed among the thousands of agencies of the forty different railway companies over whose lines the tickets are honored—and some Agents of the Pennsylvania Lines have been already supplied with them. It is believed that these amendments to a plan which is already successful and popular will place the new interchangeable mileage ticket beyond the reach of reasonable criticism.

Inconsistent.

Hammersly—What's come between you and Punderson?

Osgood—Oh, it was this way: He said to me: "What's the use of talking? Every man has his price, and you know it." Then I asked him what his was, and he wanted to fight.—Chicago News.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call on H. F. Vortkamp, n. e. cor. Main and North sts., and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.

Working For the People.

This is the composition of a Georgia boy on the legislature:

"The Georgia Legislature has Done met. My Pa was a Georgia legislator. He says he worked Hard. I don't suppose they pay legislators anything, as Pa always came home dead broke. Pa says he was workin for the People. I wish the People would take up a subscription for him."

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MAGNIFICENT

Was the Entertainment Given by the Masonic Lodge

OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED

By the Grand Master of the State at the Masonic Hall—A Rich Musical Programme—Banquet and Delightful Dance Follows.

The public installation of the officers-elect of the Lima lodge of free and accepted Masons at their hall last evening, and the banquet and dancing at Music Hall, which followed the installation and musical programme in the lodge room, was one of the most magnificent occasions of the kind ever witnessed in this city. The committee who had the affair in charge exerted every effort to make the affair a successful one, and that their efforts were fruitful was evident by the way everyone expressed themselves as delighted with the entire evening's entertainment.

The number that was in attendance overreached the expectations of the committee, but everyone was well cared for and the pleasures of no one were in the least marred.

Long before 8 o'clock, the hour appointed for the opening of the exercises, the Masons, their wives and friends, began arriving and continued coming until every seat in the hall had been occupied. In the aisles people were standing, and so large was the attendance that the reception rooms to the rear of the hall were also filled with persons who could not gain admittance to the hall.

The hall looked beautiful. In the east, where the grand marshal sat, there was a profusion of palms and potted plants, and from the chandeliers to the sides of the room hung branches of evergreens. While the guests were arriving Frey's orchestra discoursed sweet music.

At the hour of 8 Nelson Williams, the grand master of the grand lodge of Ohio, took his place in the east and called the lodge to order. Rev. Dr Bowsher pronounced the invocation, after which D. J. Cable, who had been elected the worshipful master; W. J. Shepherd, senior warden; Dr. F. L. Laudick, junior warden; Chas. W. Lewis, senior deacon; Chas W. Herbst, junior deacon; Wallace Landis, secretary; Louis Fall, treasurer; J. W. Orum, tyler, and Dr. Bowsher, chaplain, took their places before the grand master, and to each one were pronounced the solemn and important duties that would devolve upon them as officers of the lodge. The ceremony was very impressive and was listened to attentively by every person in attendance.

After the officers had been installed D. J. Cable assumed charge of the remaining exercises.

Miss Blanche Numan, who always delights her hearers, sang an excellent selection, entitled "He Was a Prince." She was accompanied on the piano by Miss Ethel Rockhill.

Miss Inez Lowe played a delightful solo on the pipe organ.

A quartet from Spencerville composed of Messrs. O. McClurry, Dr. Pence, Kephardt and Tone, were then announced, and greatly amused by singing three different selections

Prof. Clark played a magnificent solo on the pipe organ, after which the mandolin club delightfully entertained by playing two pretty selections.

After the musical programme had been rendered the guests repaired to Music Hall where an elaborate banquet had been prepared by caterer Bower. Three tables had been arranged to form the letters "F," "A," "M." The tables were decorated with cut flowers and smilax and made a beautiful appearance. Over three hundred covers were spread and as many people partook of the banquet.

Rev. Waters invoked the divine blessing, after which the following menu was served:

Bouillon in Cups.
Baked Turkey, Mushroom Patties, Bread Squares, Ham, Tongue, Chicken Salad, Orange Sherbet, Pickles, Olives, Celery, Salted Almonds, Fruit, Cake, Ice Cream, Coffee, Frappe.

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Burnet Bowling Alley Prizes for City Bowlers.

These prizes will be given away at Burnet bowling alleys, commencing December 7, ending Saturday, January 1, at 9 p. m. Highest score in ten pins, $5; second, $2.50.

DAYS OF MOHAMMED.

$1,000 prize story, companion to TITUS. 5c. for $1 50 book. Come early and avoid the rush.
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Try Simon's popcorn fritters

Jewelry

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Oysters 25c a quart at Simon's.

BIG OIL DEAL.

The Breese Oil Co.'s Interests Purchased To-day.

BY ROTH, ARGUE & COMPANY

The Breese and Yoakum Farms Constitute the Property Transferred—Eighteen Thousand Dollars the Consideration.

One of the largest oil deals that has been made in the northwestern Ohio oil field for some time was closed in this city this morning, when the interests of the Breese Oil Company passed into the hands of Roth, Argue & Company, of Buffalo, N. Y., who have been operating extensively in this territory since the early development of the Hume pool. The property purchased are the oil rights of the Breese and Yoakum farms just southwest of the Children's Home in Shawnee township. It has been generally understood that these farms were being drilled by the Shawnee Oil Co., and so they were, but Shaffer Bros and Mr. Bolander were associated with the Shawnee Oil Co. in the leasing and drilling of the property, and the entire organization was christened the Breese Oil Co.

$18,000 THE CONSIDERATION.

The deal was negotiated by and the transfer was made to Messrs Philip Roth and Watson Argue, who are at the head of the firm of Roth, Argue & Co. There are four good producing wells on the Breese farm, three on the Yoakum and two wells are now being drilled on the properties. The consideration for the property was $18,000.

AMONG THE PRODUCERS.

Henderson & Jones have a well spudding on the Binkley farm in the same locality as the Reed lease, but a little nearer the developed field.

E. E Walfe's well on the Reed farm is due in the sand. The well is south of the Amos Bowsher farm and is about one-half mile in advance of the field.

The Ohio Oil Co.'s well on the A. Grove farm, three-fourths of a mile northwest of the Breese well, is good for an 8 or 10-barrel producer. The venture was a wildcat.

Shaffer & Jensen, Cleveland parties, who recently purchased the Beaver farm, have just received seven car-loads of material from another field and will commence wells on their new territory immediately.

Mills & Foreman, who have extensive interests in the Hume, Allen county and Virginia fields, have removed their headquarters from Spencerville to this city and are occupying office rooms in the Union block, above the National Supply Co.'s store.

TALKS OF THE TOWN.

Mrs. Jno. J. Sullivan, of north Elizabeth street, is critically ill.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mott, of east Kibby street, a daughter.

Rev. R. J. Miller will deliver a short address to the students of Lima College to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

All tax on forfeiture real estate must be paid on or before the second Monday in December, as the sale for such land will commence on that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Cooney are the delighted parents of a handsome little son, who arrived at their home on Washington street, to-day.

The Missionary Society of the Congregational church will hold a Social at the home of Mrs. E. F. Davis, 136 east High street, Friday evening, December 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. King desire to thank their friends and neighbors for their kindness at the time of their recent bereavement, the death of their child, and also for the handsome floral tributes.

At the M. E parsonage in West Cairo, Sunday, Mr. John F Griffiths, of Vaughnsville, and Miss Evelyn L Dennis, of Kalida, were wedded, the ceremony being performed by Rev. G H. Priddy.

The ladies of the Aid Society of Zion's Lutheran Church will meet at the home of Mrs Cameron, on west Market street, near Jameson avenue, Thursday at 1 o'clock p. m, for the purpose of sewing. Let all come.

John Berryman will address the farmers' institute at Spencerville tomorrow evening upon the subject, "Farming, East and West." Mr Berryman is well qualified, both by observation and experience, to handle the subject, and his address will be an excellent one.

Black Goods Bargain

This morning we received a shipment of black figured Mohair Dress Goods to sell at

50c A YARD;

Value 75c to $1 a yard. We have never sold anything at 75c a yard heretofore that was better than these goods, and our position as the leading dress goods house of Lima is never questioned by the best dressers in the city. See the new goods tomorrow. CARROLL & COONEY.
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THEY HAD NERVE.

Robbers Went Through a Candy Store Last Evening.

FRIGHTENED A YOUNG LADY

Who Was in Charge of the Establishment and After Taking What Candy They Wanted, Escaped—No Clue to Their Identity.

The Chicago Candy Kitchen, located in the basement of the Y. M. C. A. building, on west Market street, was robbed last evening at an hour when many people were on the street. It was a bold robbery in one respect and in another it was a cowardly act, as they took advantage of a helpless woman. The young men who did the work are at present unknown. They first broke open the show case in the front of the store and rifled its contents. They were not content with this and seeing only a woman in the store, decided to help themselves to the choicest goods in stock. They warned the woman to make no noise nor offer any resistance. She was frightened and did not know what to do. The vandals helped themselves to the best goods in the store and left the place. The woman in charge of the store at the time soon recovered from her fright sufficiently to give an alarm but the thieves by that time had disappeared and have not since been apprehended.

TWO BLOODY SCRAPS.

Harry Mauk, one of the proprietors, and Frank Cavanaugh, an employe of a restaurant in the Union block, became engaged in a fight over differences last night, and Cavanaugh is now under a physician's care with several gashes in his scalp. He informed lieutenant Wingate that Mauk chopped his head with a big bread knife and the police found such a knife at the place with a bloody blade, but Mauk claims that he bumped his opponent's head with a stone, and the wounds appear to have been made by a blunt instrument. Cavanaugh is confined to his bed and Mauk, who was arrested by Lieut Wingate, is under bond in the sum of $50 to appear when wanted.

Another fight occurred at Main and Elm streets, between Ed Heman and another colored man. No one was seriously injured and the fighters disappeared before the police arrived.

LOCAL NEWS ON FIVE PAGES.

The third page of each edition of the TIMES-DEMOCRAT contains a large amount of fresh, spicy local news. The demand made upon the advertising columns of this popular newspaper makes it impossible to crowd upon less than five pages all the local news that we carry each night. So do not neglect to look all over the paper to get all we give you. Local news to-day will be found on 1st, the 3d, 4th, 5th and 8th pages.

Dress Goods. Select your dress patterns now for Xmas and have them stored away. Big stock to select from. TREAT'S,
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The Ladies of the Presbyterian Church

will have a Christmas Sale, in the shape of a Household Fair, on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, December 8th, in the basement of the church. 3 3t

Treat's umbrellas for Xmas are selling. Buy now.
2 6t

Standard brand of oysters always fresh. 25c per qt. H. S. Tidd, 208 east North street. 3 2t

STUBBORN FIGHT

Between the First and Second Mortgage Bondholders

ON QUESTION OF PRIORITY.

Ed Sherfe Enters Plea of Guilty—Fred Becker Makes His Maiden Speech—Another Divorce Granted—Two Foreclosures.

Judge Richie is to-day hearing the arguments of the attorneys on the cross petition in the case of the second mortgage bondholders of the Ohio Southern Railroad Co. against the first mortgage bondholders. Hon. Thos. E. Powell, of Columbus, and C. Adgate, of this city, are attorneys for the second mortgage bondholders. Judge Doyle, of Toledo, and Walter B. Richie, of Lima, represents the first mortgage bondholders.

The suit is one of privilege. In 1881 an order was granted for the road to issue $4,000,000 worth of bonds, the value of the road being placed at $15,000 per mile; $2,100,000 of the $4,000 000 worth of bonds were sold in 1881

In 1886 the company executed second mortgage bonds to the amount of $2,800 000.

In 1892 the company completed its road from Springfield to Lima, and sold the remaining $1,900,000 of the $4,000,000 worth of the first issue of bonds and gave as surety a lien on the extended portion of the road. The contest before the court to decide is whether or not the $2,800,000 worth of bonds issued in 1886 is a prior lien to the issue of $1,900,000 worth of bonds in 1892. If the issue of 1886 is found to be a prior lien to the issue of 1892 then the second mortgage bondholders will have the first lien on the extended portion of the road.

CHANGED HIS PLEA.

Ed Sherfe, who was indicted by the last grand jury on the charge of pocket-picking, whose case was set for trial this morning, realized that the evidence in the case against him would be sufficient to assure a conviction. He changed his first plea and concluded not to stand trial. This morning he was brought before judge Richie and entered a plea of guilty.

SUIT OF ATTACHMENT.

Jacob Moser and Hugh Williams vs. Louisa Lowther, attachment.

PROSPERITY CASES.

Thornton T. Mitchell et al. vs. L. M. Copeland and Mary E. Copeland, foreclosure.

Metropolitan bank of Lima vs. Francis Roberts et al, foreclosure.

FOR BURGLARY.

The case of John Bright, on trial for burglary, was given to the jury at 11:30 o'clock this morning. Fred Becker was his attorney. It was Fred's first appearance before the court, and the excellent manner in which he conducted the case of the defendant caused much comment from the older attorneys. His speech to the jury was forcible, and his appeal for his client was an eloquent one.

HIS PRAYER GRANTED.

William Owens was this morning granted a divorce by probate judge Bobb Mr. Owens in his petition charged his wife with gross neglect of duty and improper conduct. He was represented in court by attorney James Weadock.

Try Simon's popcorn fritters.

Treat's Kid and Wool Mittens are very good Buy now.
2 6t

Basinger & Cameron for watches clocks, jewelry and precious stones. 11 12

Oysters 25c a quart at Simon's

NEARLY HALF MILE

The Ends of a Broken Axle Drag Along the Ties.

L. E. & W. EMPLOYE SCALDED

By Hot Water From a Boiler—The Cotton Case Against C., H. & D. to be Tried at Toledo—The L. E. & W. to be Extended.

The Ohio Southern had a fortunate accident yesterday morning near Greenfield. As a heavily loaded freight train was coming down the steep grade south of Greenfield one of the axles under the tender broke. It was at once discovered by the engineer, who called for brakes. The grade was so steep that the train could not be stopped until it had run over a quarter of a mile. Strange to say, the wheels of the tender were not thrown from the track. The ends of the axles dragged along the ties, but the wheels remained on the rails. Had the tender been thrown from the rails a destructive wreck would have occurred. As it was, no damage resulted other than the broken axle The passenger trains were delayed for two hours.

ONLY SECURING DEPOSITIONS

The case of brakeman Cotton against the C., H. & D. for damages for having had both his legs cut off by a C., H. & D. freight train at Piqua, last summer, is not being tried in the Miami court at Troy, as was announced, but will be heard before the common pleas court at Toledo. The officials of the C., H. & D were in Piqua and Troy last Saturday securing depositions only.

WANT AN OUTLET.

A dispatch from New Bremen says A committee of New Bremen citizens is endeavoring to have the branch of the L. E & W. running from St. Marys through here to Minster extended to Piqua or some other point south, in order to give the town an outlet. It is said that New Bremen, St. Marys, Minster, Berlin and other towns will subscribe to have the road extended.

REAR END COLLISION.

There was a rear end collision of two north bound Detroit & Lima Northern freight trains, at the gravel pit, near Tecumseh, about 9 o'clock Saturday night. The train struck was standing still, and the caboose and flat car were smashed. No one was injured Michael Ennis was the engineer.—*Adrian Times.*

L. E. & W. EMPLOYE INJURED.

Will Murphy, of the south side, who is employed at the L E & W. round house as a boiler washer, met with a painful accident Sunday afternoon and is still confined to his home by reason of his injuries.

Murphy entered a pit beneath a C. & E switch engine, which had been run into the house to have its boiler washed, and taking a small wrench started to loosen a plug, so that he could remove it with a socket wrench at a safer distance. The plug evidently did not fit tightly and as soon as he started it with the short wrench it shot out and a stream of hot water from the boiler followed. Murphy was thoroughly drenched

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